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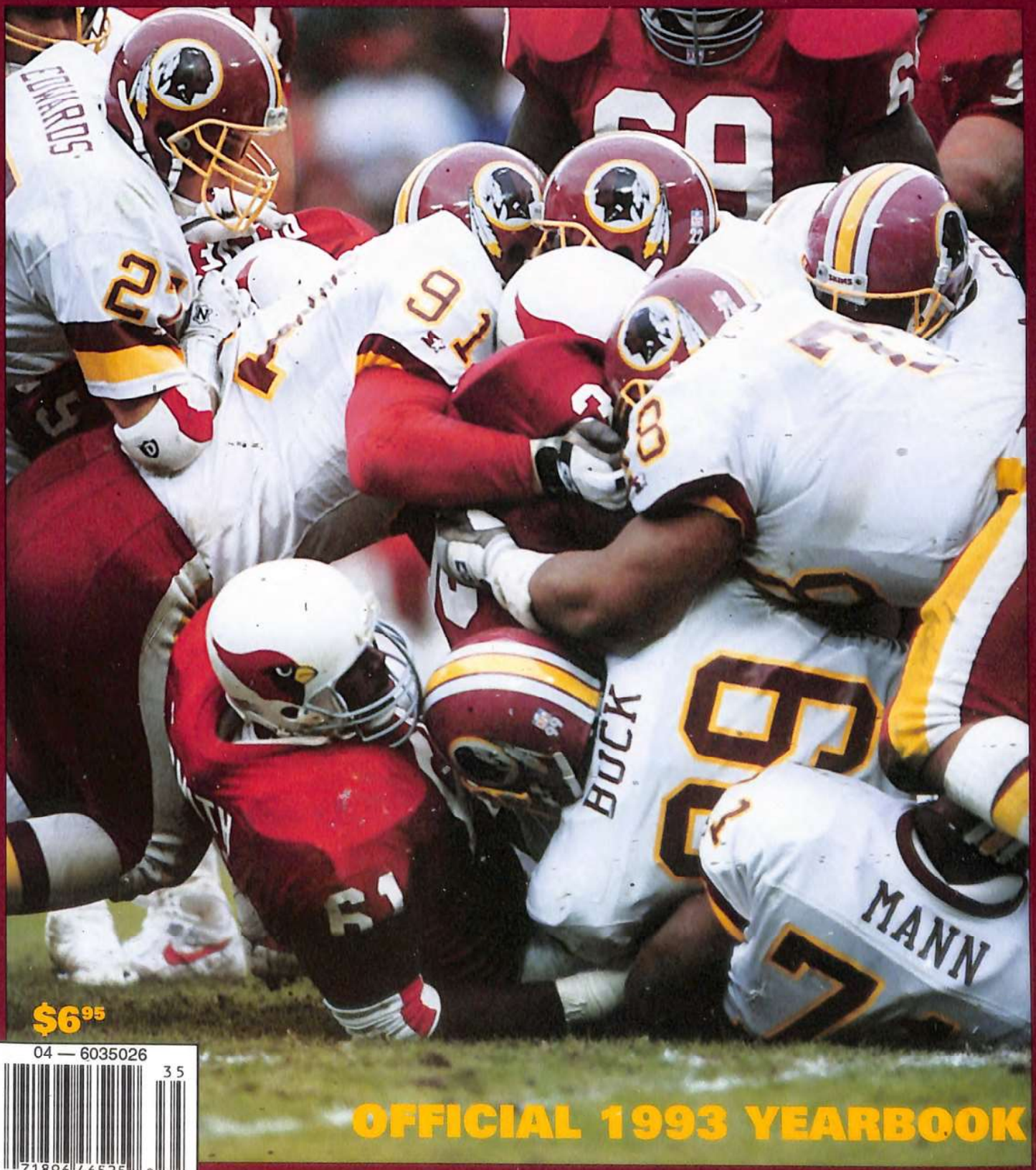

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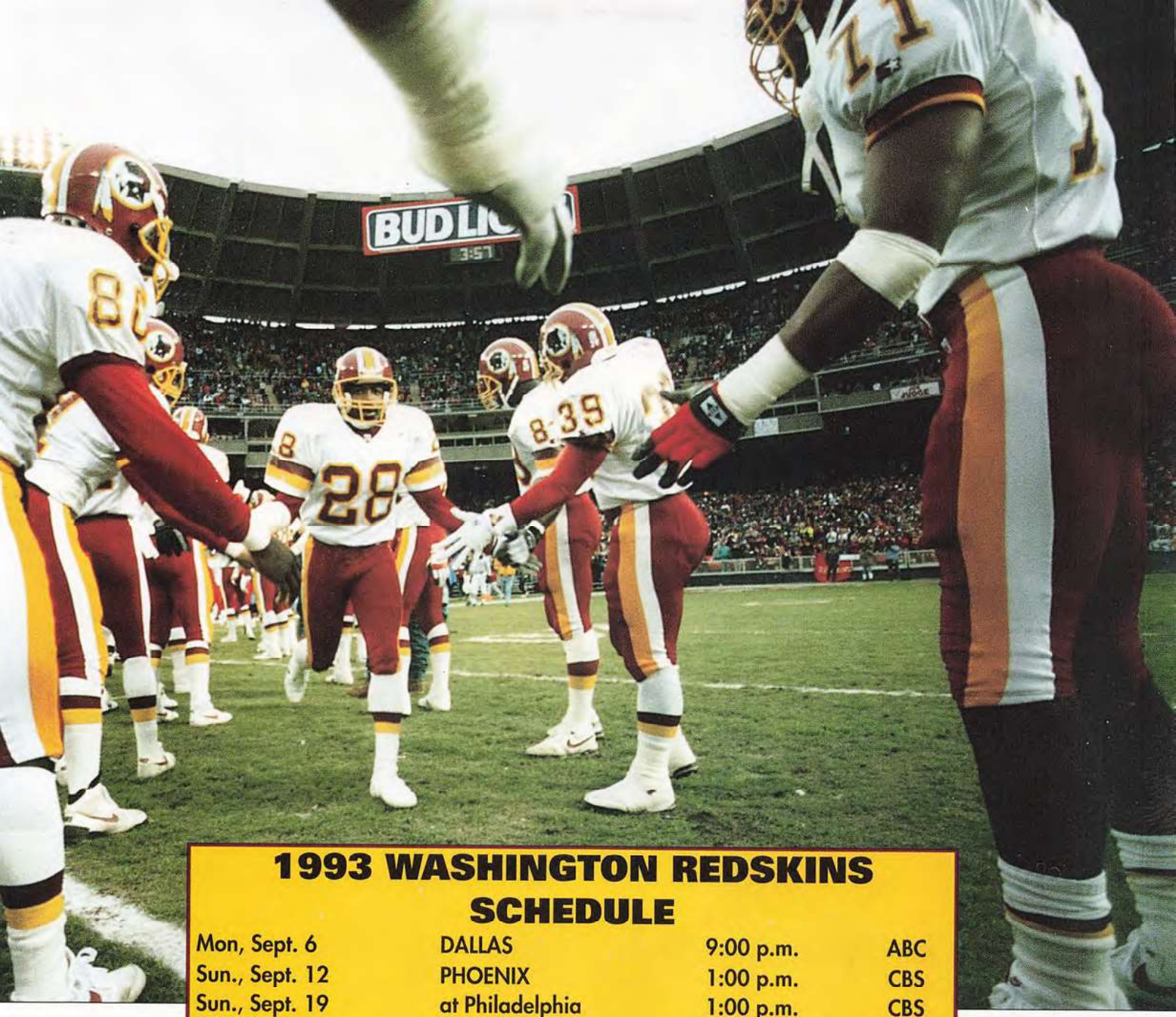

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Sun., Oct. 10	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 17	at Phoenix	4:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Oct. 24	OPEN DATE		
Mon., Nov. 1	at Buffalo	9:00 p.m.	ABC
Sun., Nov. 7	INDIANAPOLIS	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sun., Nov. 14	at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 21	at Los Angeles Rams	4:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Nov. 28	PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun., Dec. 5	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.	CBS
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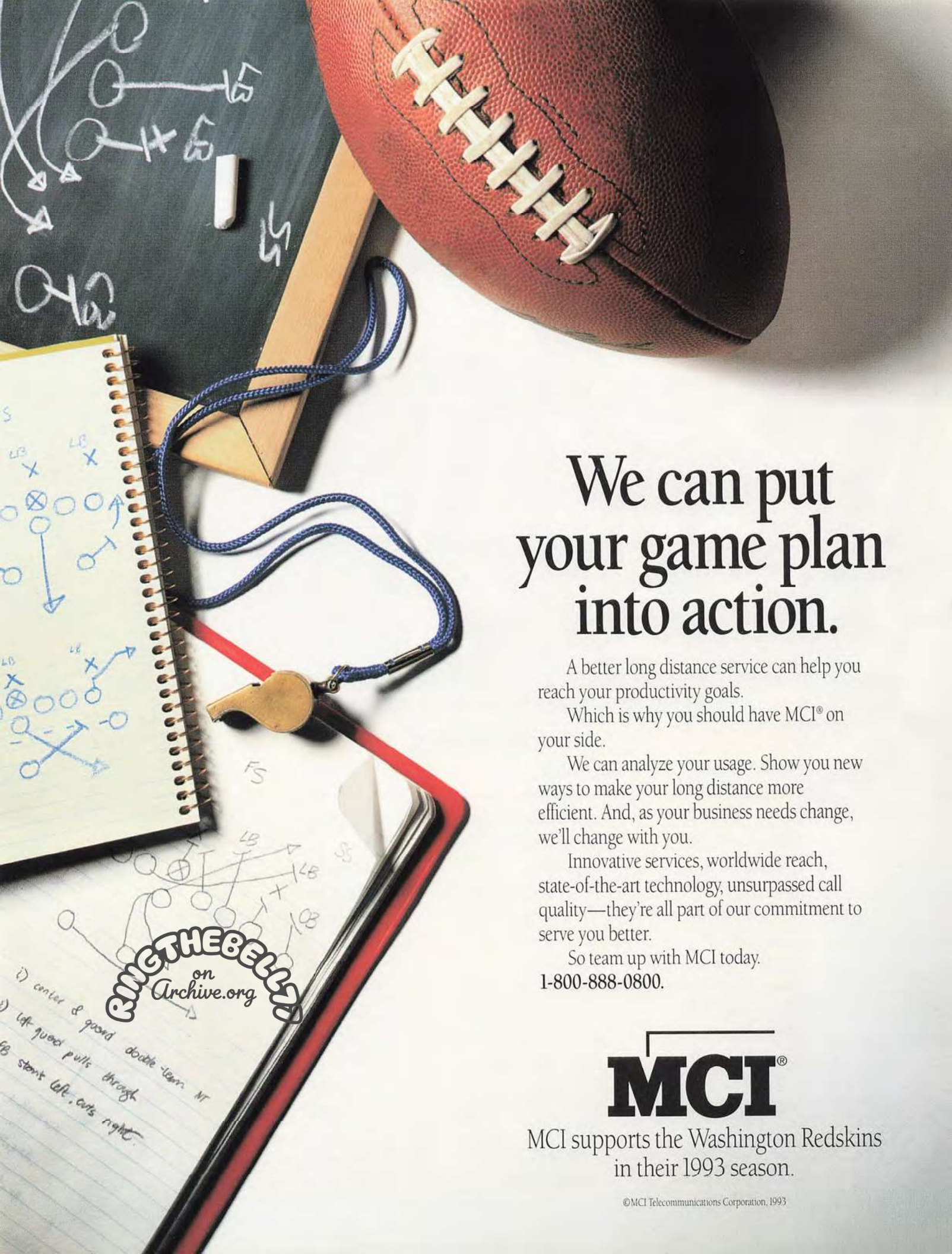
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JACK KENT COOKE

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

For Jack Kent Cooke, depth and quality are the key elements in the success of an organization, and no sports franchise has reflected that truth more than his Washington Redskins.

Despite inevitable changes over the years, Cooke has remained steadfast in his philosophy, and the result has been a remarkable 224-119 won-loss record since 1972. Since 1982, the Redskins have won three Super Bowl championships.

The depth was reflected in the front office five years ago when Charley Casserly was promoted to General Manager, and his personnel decisions have led to four straight 10-win seasons and a Super Bowl XXVI title.

The quality was evident last March when the Redskins again looked within, replacing Hall of Fame-bound head coach Joe Gibbs with long time assistant head coach Richie Petitbon.

Petitbon's critique about his new position is quite understandable.

"This is the best place to be in the NFL," says the new Redskins head coach. "Mr. Cooke makes sure of that."

It is the kind of continuity that many teams seek, but only a few achieve, unless they have the good fortune to be owned by Jack Kent Cooke.

From the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball team in the 1950s to the extraordinary success of the Redskins, excellence has been the constant for franchises operated by Mr. Cooke.

That commitment to success is embodied in the new Redskins Park, a 162-acre jewel which opened in August of 1992 to provide Redskins management, coaches, and players with the best practice facility in the National Football League. Mr. Cooke also plans to build a new 78,000-seat stadium in the near future.

Pulitzer prize winner Jim Murray, in his recently published autobiography, says of Cooke:

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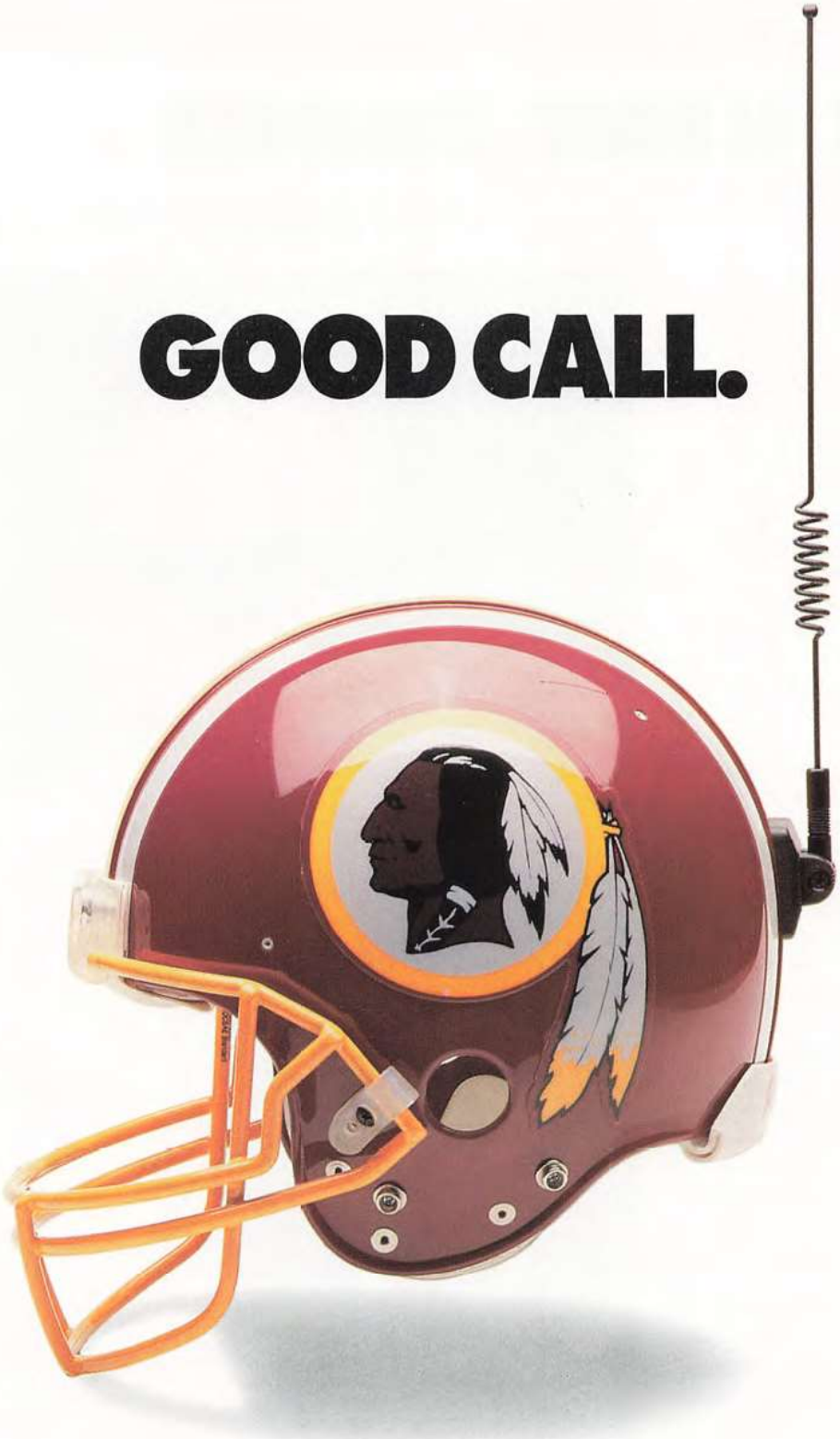

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CHARLEY CASSERLY

GENERAL MANAGER

In just four years, Charley Casserly has established himself as one of the top general managers in the National Football League, combining a tireless work ethic with astuteness to lead the Redskins to four straight 10-win seasons.

Since Casserly was named to his current post, the Redskins have compiled a 46-21 regular season record while making three straight Divisional playoff appearances and winning a Super Bowl. No other team in the NFL can match that accomplishment, and Casserly's maneuvers are behind much of that success.

Charley's trademark is to leave no option unexplored, using the draft, trades and free agent signings to keep the Redskins competitive.

With his first selection as a general manager, Casserly tabbed linebacker Andre Collins in the second round with the 46th pick. Collins has fast become one of the team's top defenders and has started 46 of 48 career games.

It was Plan-B free agency that earned Casserly a league-wide reputation as a premier judge of talent. Choosing from players that other teams found expendable, Casserly signed six eventual starters and 12 players on the 1991 Super Bowl Championship team.

The ability to find a diamond in the rough is nothing new to Casserly. As a Redskins scout, he discovered two members of the original Hogs, Joe Jacoby and Jeff Bostic, as free agents. In 1987, he assembled the Redskins undefeated replacement team during the players strike.

Now Casserly and the Redskins are faced with the challenge of free agency and a salary cap. Again, Charley has made an aggressive charge, signing players like defensive end Al Noga, linebacker Carl Banks and wide receiver Tim McGee to replace departed veterans.

"Charley is one of the most diligent people in football," said Richie Petitbon, who has worked with Casserly since 1978. "If we need to make a move, Charley always knows who is available because he has researched every option."

Casserly has proved he can make all the right moves.

RICHIE PETITBON

HEAD COACH

Richie Petitbon became known for his aggressive gambling style as architect of the Redskins defense, but it was patience and loyalty that paid dividends when he was named the team's head coach.

A defensive back on the Skins first Super Bowl team, Richie returned to Washington in 1978 to handle the team's defense. Since that time Washington has consistently finished among the NFL's best in defensive statistics and in points allowed.

Last season was no exception when the Redskins finished seventh in the league in total defense allowing opponents to score more than two touchdowns in only three games.

Petitbon had an opportunity to hone his philosophy under some of football's best coaches, including Clark Shaughnessy and George Allen as well as Joe Gibbs, and has taken something from each.

Petitbon now steps up to the next challenge, head coach in the National Football League, and he brings the same basic philosophy that served him well as an assistant.

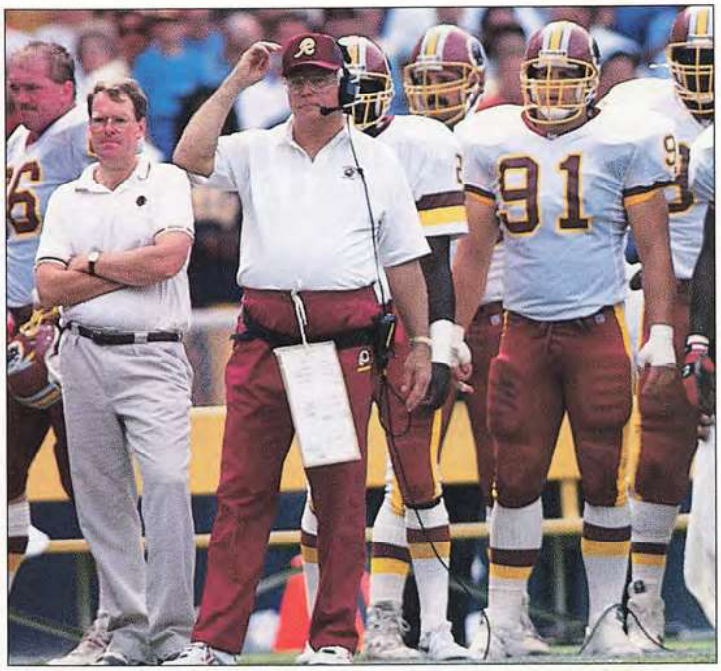
"There has to be good ownership, a solid game plan and a good organization in place," says Petitbon.

Petitbon had an opportunity to hone his philosophy under some of football's best coaches, including Clark Shaughnessy and George Allen as well as Joe Gibbs, and has taken something from each. But all the while, he has remained Richie Petitbon.

"You have to be yourself," he says. "You have to do what you feel, and it has to come naturally."

It was an approach that led to success in college at Tulane where he played quarterback before earning Pro Bowl recognition in the NFL as a member of the Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams, and Redskins. Displaying a penchant for being in the right place at the right time, a Petitbon interception in the end zone sealed the Bears' 1963 NFL championship.

More success as an assistant coach with the Oilers and Redskins followed until his dues were complete for the opportunity at hand.



ASSISTANT COACHES

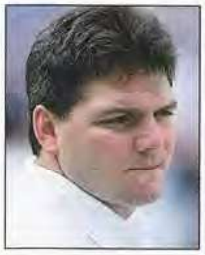
DON BREAUX

Running Backs

For years the Redskins have run what is called a one-back offense, but it takes more than one running back to make it go. Nobody knows that better than Don Breaux, who has coached ball carriers in Washington since 1981.

Breaux's role in the running game has been vital from the battering ram days of John Riggins and George Rogers to the platooning system that utilizes the many facets of Earnest Byner, Ricky Ervins and Brian Mitchell.

While the faces may change, the productivity is constant, especially when it counts. The Redskins have raised their rushing totals in the playoffs each of the past two seasons. In 1991 the numbers increased from 128.1 to 134.7 yards per game in the postseason, and in 1992 the Redskins rushing average went from 107.9 to 134.5 yards per game.



BOBBY DEPAUL

Administrative Assistant/Assistant Secondary

Bobby's job is to make sure every minute of every practice day is geared toward maximum productivity. Practice schedules, meeting sessions, and travel logistics all fall under DePaul's scope of responsibilities. In five years with the Redskins, he's developed a reputation as a meticulous planner.

Bobby also submits a scouting report of the opponent's defense every week and assists Emmitt Thomas coaching the defensive backs. He works directly with Head Coach Richie Petitbon on a daily basis.

DePaul developed his zeal for the Redskin way at a young age. He grew up a Redskins fan in Bowie, MD, and played linebacker at the University of Maryland, where he teamed with Richie Petitbon, Jr.

ROD DOWHOWER

Offensive Coordinator

New coach Richie Petitbon wasted no time appointing Dowhower as the man to take charge of the Redskins offense. Rod spent the three previous seasons coaching the quarterbacks and assisting Joe Gibbs with the passing offense.

In his time with the Redskins, Dowhower enhanced his reputation as an excellent play caller and a developer of young quarterbacks. He has played a key role in the development of Mark Rypien into a Super Bowl MVP in 1991 and was instrumental in Chris Miller's rise in Atlanta from 1987-89.

A career capsule on Rod shows success at every stop, including experience with some of the top offensive minds in football, including Gibbs, Bill Walsh, Don Coryell and Dick Vermeil.

RUSS GRIMM

Tight Ends/H-backs

Russ made a smooth transition from player to coach last year and will begin his second season coaching the tight ends and H-backs. Having spent 11 years on the Redskins offensive line, Grimm knows the value of the tight end in the Redskins offense. In addition to working with veterans Ron Middleton and Terry Orr, Grimm will have a hand in the development of youngsters James Jenkins and Ray Rowe.

As a player Russ was voted to the NFL's All-Decade team for the '80s. He played in four straight Pro Bowls from 1983 to 1986 and was an integral part of four Super Bowl teams.

An original member of the Hogs, Russ was instrumental in helping a group of young upstarts become one of the league's most recognized and respected units. He's the perfect choice to help carry on the tradition as a coach.

JIM HANIFAN

Offensive Line

Already known as one of the top line coaches in the NFL, Jim may have outdone himself in 1992. Starters Jeff Bostic, Jim Lachey and Joe Jacoby missed a total of 23 games to injuries, only Mark Schlereth started every game at the same position and the same unit never started more than four weeks in a row. But the Redskins still finished second in the league in sacks allowed.

With so many injured starters, Jim made sure inexperienced players like Mo Elewonibi, Ray Brown and Matt Elliott were ready when forced into the lineup against the likes of Lawrence Taylor, Reggie White, Clyde Simmons, Derrick Thomas, Chris Doleman, Neil Smith, Wayne Martin and Pat Swilling.

In 1991, the Redskins set a team record by surrendering nine sacks, the fourth best in NFL history. One of the teams that did better was the 1977 Cardinals, whom Jim also coached. Such credentials are why Joe Gibbs didn't hesitate to make Hanifan the man to replace Joe Bugel in 1990. The move has paid dividends ever since.

LARRY PECCATIELLO

Assistant Head Coach

A longtime aid to Richie Petitbon, Larry was promoted to assistant head coach after serving 10 years as defensive coordinator. Peccatiello helped make linebackers Wilber Marshall, Andre Collins and Kurt Gouveia the Redskins big-play unit in 1992.

Marshall was the team's only Pro Bowl player and led the Redskins in sacks, passes defensed, forced fumbles and tackles for losses. Gouveia led the team in

tackles in his first full year at middle linebacker and his interception in the end zone sealed a win over Atlanta. Collins' interception and 59 yard return against Dallas was a key to the Redskins comeback.

Pec has been a vital member of the Redskins staff since 1981. If the future of Redskins linebackers is anything like the past, production will continue as the trademark.

DAN RILEY

Conditioning Coach

Redskins coaches frequently mention the strength and conditioning program as a foundation of the Redskins success. Keeping Redskins in shape during the season and year round has been Dan's specialty since joining the team in 1982, the year the Redskins first won the Super Bowl.

Dan's enthusiasm may be the only thing that can match his vast knowledge of the profession. During his years with the Redskins, the team has continually performed better late in the season when other teams are wearing down. He is one of the most respected minds in his field.

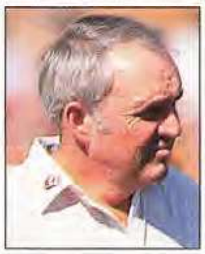
WAYNE SEVIER

Special Teams

No team creates more opportunities on special teams than the Redskins, and Wayne Sevier has been the master director of this area for 10 of the past 12 years.

Brian Mitchell tied a Redskin record with his third career punt returned for a touchdown in 1992. Chip Lohmiller posted his team-record fourth straight 100 point season and led the NFC in scoring for the third year in a row. Desmond Howard also ran back a punt and made several all-rookie teams as a kickoff return man. The Redskins are 3-3 on fake punt attempts the past two seasons.

Those are just the latest accomplishments for the units Wayne has guided with great precision in his two terms with the Redskins. He was with the Redskins from 1981-86 before leaving for San Diego in 1987-88. He was welcomed enthusiastically upon his return.



RENNIE SIMMONS

Receivers

Rennie has helped mold top Redskin players at three different positions in his 12 year career. Under Richie Petitbon, he will spend a second year with the receivers with the likes of Desmond Howard awaiting his tuteledge.

Under Joe Gibbs, Rennie worked with the Redskins record-setting offensive line in 1991, and before that coached the tight ends and H-backs. He has played a key role in the develpment of Don Warren, Clint Didier, Ron Middleton and Terry Orr during his career.

Rennie's was a part of Gibbs' original staff in 1981, and the two had been friends since their days as high school teammates and college teammates at San Diego State.

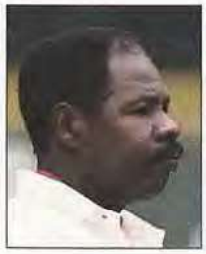
CHARLEY TAYLOR

Research & Development/Receivers

Charley ended his playing career as the NFL's all-time reception leader and soon after began coaching the NFL's current top pass catcher in Art Monk. Other notables who have learned from Charley's expertise include Gary Clark and Ricky Sanders.

Under Charley's direction, Redskins receivers have been among the most productive in the NFL the last 12 years, and an eager new pupil awaits in Desmond Howard.

Charley began his career with the Redskins as a running back in 1964 and was named rookie of the year before being switched to receiver the following season. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1984 and has played or coached for every Redskin Super Bowl team. Such a complete trophy case is hard to match.



EMMITT THOMAS

Defensive Coordinator

Under Emmitt's guidance, the Redskins secondary has provided 50 interceptions the past two seasons. So it came as no surprise that after working side by side for seven years, Richie Petitbon was quick to give Thomas the added responsibility of defensive coordinator.

Even though starting cornerbacks Martin Mayhew and Darrell Green both suffered broken arms and started only two games together, the Redskins still finished sixth in the league in pass defense, seventh in third down defense and third with a plus-10 turnover ratio.

Emmitt's career as a player foreshadowed his success as a coach. He was a five-time Pro Bowl defensive back with the Kansas City Chiefs from 1966-78. He coached the Cardinals' receivers for five years before joining the Redskins in 1986.

TORGY TORGESON

Defensive Line

An NFL ironman, Torgy has played or coached in the NFL for 43 consecutive years, and there's no better explanation for longevity than success. Torgy has shared in five championships as a player or coach.

From Merlin Olsen and Deacon Jones to Dave Butz and Charles Mann, Torgy has had a hand in developing some of the game's greatest defensive linemen. He has coached in all five Redskins Super Bowl appearances and in six Super Bowls overall (1979 Rams).

Torgy began his career as a center and linebacker with Detroit in 1951 and played on the Lions' championship teams in 1952 and 1953. He began his coaching career with the Redskins in 1959-61, came back to Washington with George Allen in 1971-77, and returned again in 1980.

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AGAINST THE ODDS

1992 SEASON IN REVIEW

One game doesn't reflect an entire season, but the playoff loss to San Francisco Jan. 9 provided an eerily-accurate capsule of the Washington Redskins plight in 1992.

There was plenty of good, like reaching the Divisional playoffs for the third straight year, shutting down the NFL's best offense in the second half and making a titillating contest out of a game that seemed over at halftime. But in the end, turnovers and missed chances overshadowed the pride, effort and resiliency that became trademarks of the 1992 Washington Redskins.

Such qualities took the Redskins to a fourth straight 10-win season and to the eighth playoff appearance in 12 years. However, no drive to the playoffs had quite as many detours. Finishing one game away from the NFC Championship is a tribute to the ability of the coaching staff to convince a special group of players to persevere against all odds.

"This year was the toughest, hardest you could imagine," said Joe Gibbs, who left coaching with a 140-65 record. "We had to fight, pull, grab every inch of the way. Sometimes you're proudest of the teams that go through the most adversity."

Injuries forced starters to miss a total of 69 games during the regular season. Offensively, the consistency and balance was missing from a unit that led the league in scoring the previous year. The defense, though often stellar, was called upon time after time.

Yet when the final teams qualified for the playoffs, there were the Redskins again. Though they had hoped for better than a 9-7 regular season record, the Redskins were still contenders and well deserving of their postseason berth.

The performance that followed in the NFC Wildcard matchup at Minnesota was one of the most memorable in team history. A 24-7 dismantling of the Vikings sent the Redskins to the Divisional round of the playoffs for a third straight season.

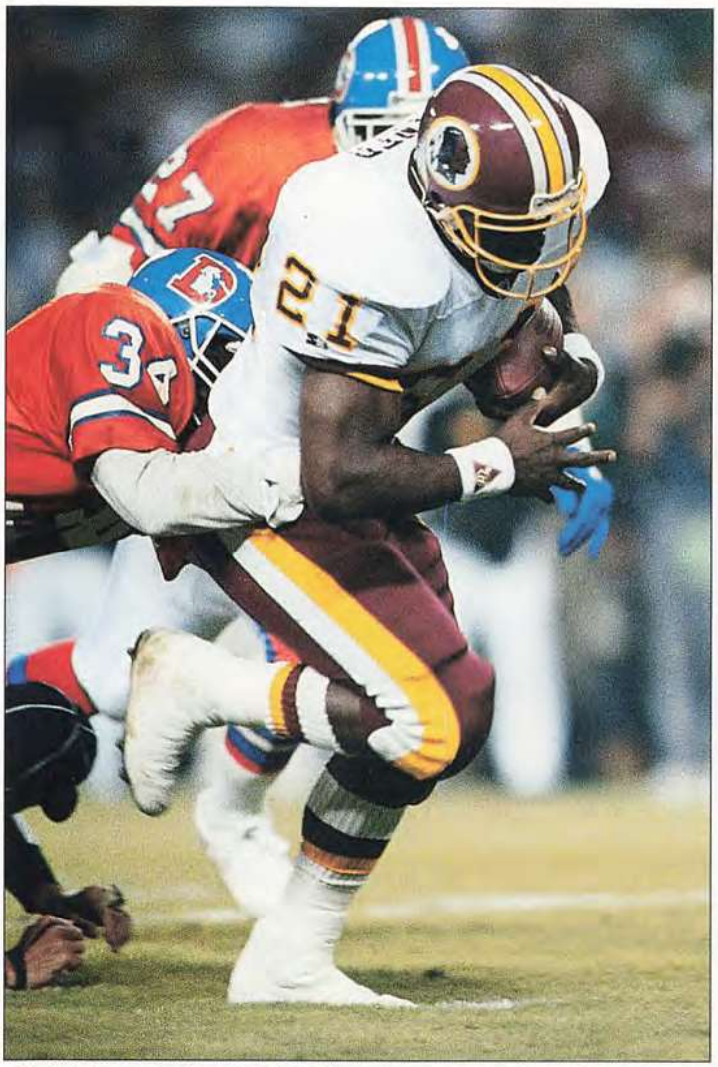
No one played a more prominent role in the Redskins success in 1992 than new head coach Richie Petitbon. Petitbon again demonstrated his mastery at deploying the correct scheme at precisely the right time. The Redskins defense allowed more than two touchdowns only three times in 18 games.

Injuries Forced Changes

Injuries allowed only four players to start every game on defense, but realignment is Petitbon's forte. The defense gave up an average of 5.6 points in the second half, including six second half shutouts and a total of three points yielded in four quarters after intermission during the playoffs. Thirteen different players recorded the team's 39 sacks, and 10 players provided 23 interceptions.

"Our defense bailed us out throughout the season," Gibbs said. "They deserve a lot of credit for hanging in there because we never gained the consistency we wanted on offense."

Linebacker Wilber Marshall was the Redskins lone Pro Bowl representative. He led the team with 6 sacks, 9 tackles for losses and 15 passes defensed. He tied for the team lead with three forced fumbles and was third with 138 total tackles. He was the NFC's Defensive Player of the Month in October.



Bright spots for the 1992 season were found in the play of Earnest Byner (left) and the National Defense.

Marshall was far from the only playmaker. Free safety Brad Edwards led the team with six interceptions, including three in the Redskins victory over Phoenix. Kurt Gouveia started a career-high 14 games at middle linebacker and led the team with 169 tackles. His interception in the end zone sealed a victory over Atlanta. Defensive tackle Jason Buck caused a crucial fumble against Dallas that led to the winning points.

Cornerbacks Martin Mayhew and Darrell Green both suffered broken arms and started only two games together. But the Redskins still managed to finish sixth in pass defense, seventh in third down defense and third with a plus-10 turnover ratio.

Most of the offensive struggles can be linked to constant shuffling on the offensive line. Eight starting combinations were used the first 13 weeks, and only Mark Schlereth and Raleigh McKenzie started every game. All-Pro Jim Lachey missed six weeks with a knee injury and Jeff Bostic's season was over after Week 4 because of a shoulder injury.

Nevertheless, the Redskins allowed only 23 sacks to tie for second in the NFL while finishing 12th in total offense. Mark Rypien enjoyed his third career 3,000 yard season, Earnest Byner came within two yards of his third straight 1000 yard season, and Chip Lohmiller led the NFC in scoring for the third straight year. The most memorable highlight, however, came Oct. 12 when Art Monk set the all-time NFL record with his 820th career reception.

With so many injuries, players with little experience were forced to play major roles, and most earned excellent reviews.

Cornerback Alvoid Mays saw extensive action with injuries to Mayhew and Green and gained opponents respect and coaches confidence. Jason Buck was the third person to play left defensive tackle, but he provided no letdown and helped win one of the year's biggest games against Dallas.

Mo Elewonibi saw his first NFL action when Jim Lachey went down with a knee injury and held his own against Clyde Simmons, Chris Doleman and Lawrence Taylor. Ray Brown, who hadn't played in two years, established himself as an excellent candidate for the starting lineup at left guard. No one provided a bigger spark down the stretch than Brian Mitchell. In addition to another excellent year as a return man, he filled in at running back and averaged 6.1 yards per carry in two playoff games.

There have been seasons with more victories, more points, more shutouts and more acclaim, but none that took more courage, dedication, and pride than 1992.

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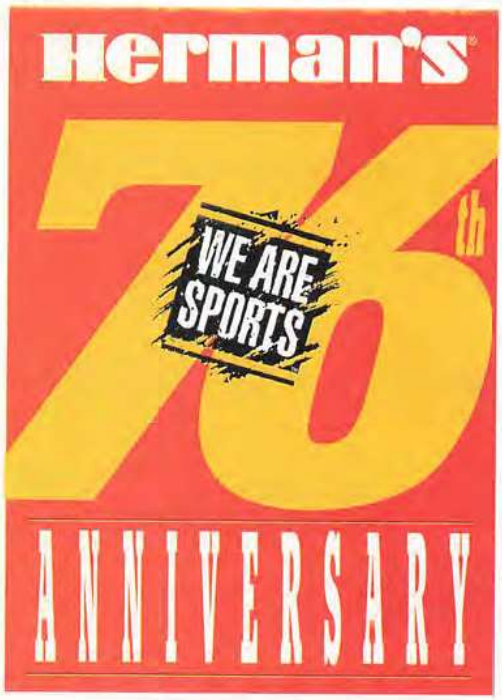

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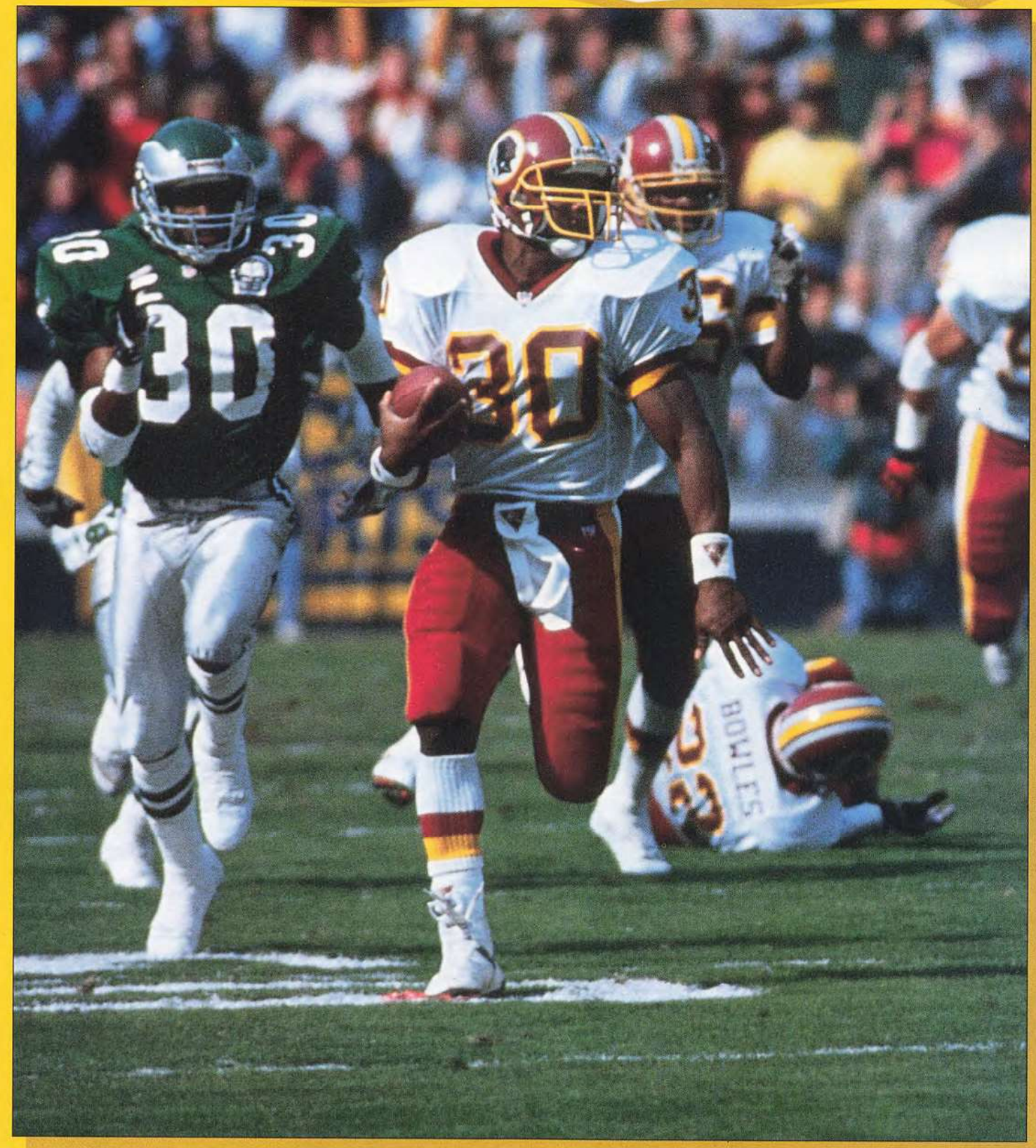


Dallas Spoils Season Opener

Special teams play the difference in 23-10 loss

WEEK 1

DALLAS, September 7 — The Redskins were forced to begin their quest for a second straight championship against a team that desperately wanted to prove it was once again one of the NFL's elite. On a steamy night in their home corral, the Dallas Cowboys did just that, attacking the Redskins from start to finish in a 23-10 Monday Night victory.

On their first offensive series, the Redskins were backed to their own 6, and Kelly Goodburn's punt was blocked out of the end zone for a safety. Dallas followed the safety with a 13-play, 84-yard drive capped by Emmitt Smith's 5-yard touchdown.

Martin Mayhew's 25-yard interception return in the second quarter took the Redskins into Dallas territory for the first time. Three plays later Mark Rypien found Gary Clark for a 30-yard touchdown and it looked as if the Redskins would trail by just two at the half.

But Dallas got the ball back at their own 33 with 1:37 left, and Aikman promptly hit passes of 11, 13 and 17 yards to get to the Redskins 26. Then on third down, he found Alvin Harper for a 26-yard touchdown and a 16-7 halftime lead.

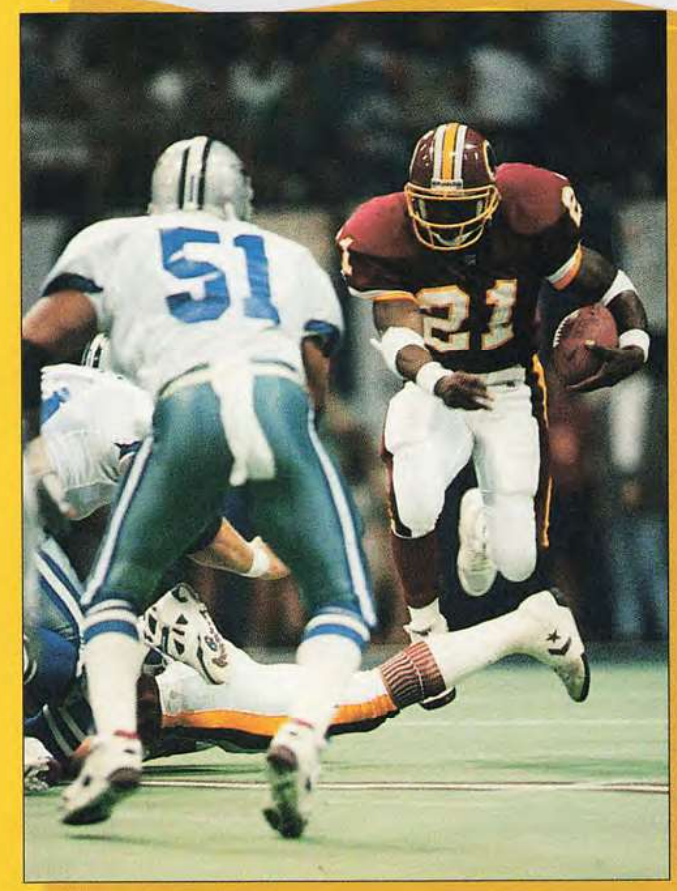
The Cowboys offense would not score in the second half, but their special teams struck again in the third quarter. Safety Brad Edwards stifled a Dallas drive at the Redskins 9 yard line with an interception, but after three plays the ensuing punt was returned 79 yards for a touchdown by Kelvin Martin.

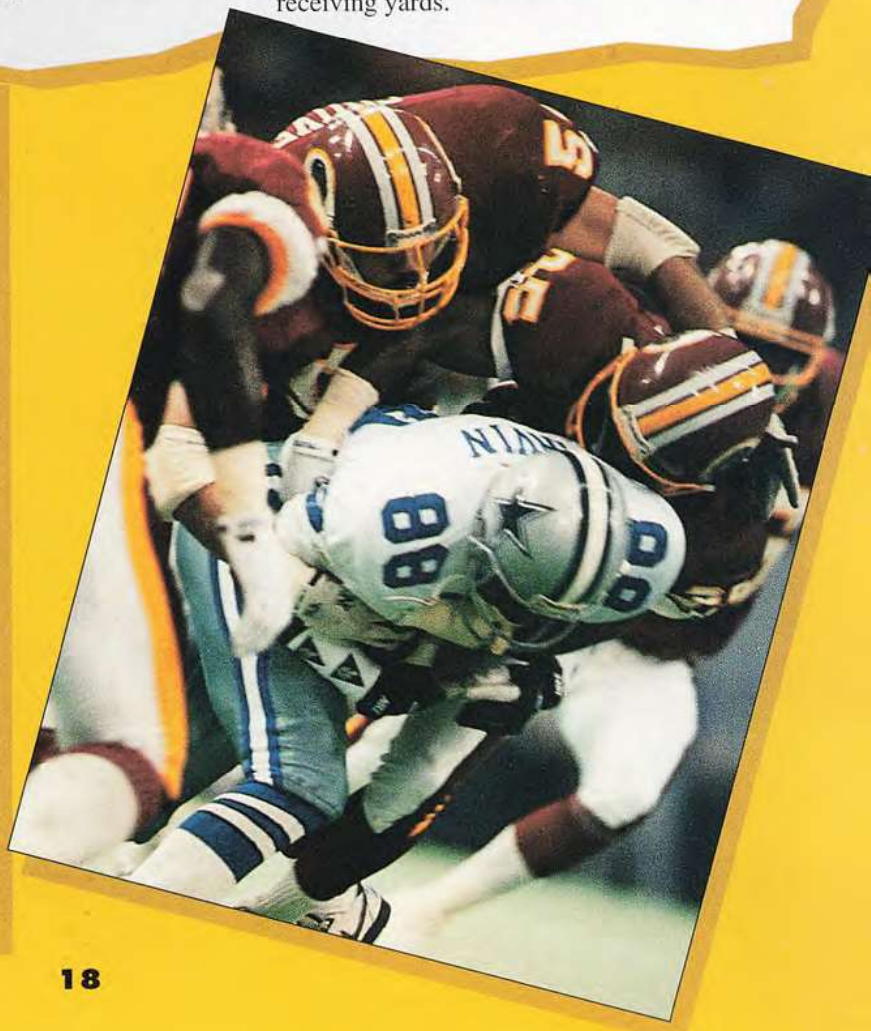
In the locker room afterward, Joe Gibbs reminded his humbled troops that they would see Dallas again, that it would be in RFK Stadium, and that it would be in the pivotal month of December.

Washington	0	7	0	3	—	10
Dallas	9	7	7	0	—	23

D — Punt Blocked out of end zone for a safety
D — Smith 5 run (Elliott kick)
W — Clark 30 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
D — Harper 26 pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
D — Martin 79 punt return (Elliott kick)
W — Lohmiller 49 FG

Game Note: With 43 yards against Dallas, Art Monk became the fifth player in NFL history to surpass 11,000 career receiving yards.





Washington Edges Falcons

Gouveia interception halts Atlanta comeback bid

WEEK 2

WASHINGTON, September 13 — The Redskins rushed for 174 yards, limited the Atlanta Falcons to 34, and held a 39:21 to 20:09 time of possession advantage. A blowout on paper was actually a nail biter, and it took a dramatic 4th quarter interception by linebacker Kurt Gouveia to secure a 24-17 win in the home opener.

The teams made up for a scoreless first period by scoring 35 of the game's 41 points in an 11 minute stretch in the second quarter. Mark Rypien's five yard touchdown pass to Ernest Byner gave the Skins a 7-0 lead. Then, with the Falcons in punt formation, hardly anyone noticed that both Brian Mitchell and rookie Desmond Howard were in return position. The kick went to Mitchell, who was decked just as he released a perfect lateral to Howard, who then raced 55 yards down the left sideline for his first NFL touchdown.

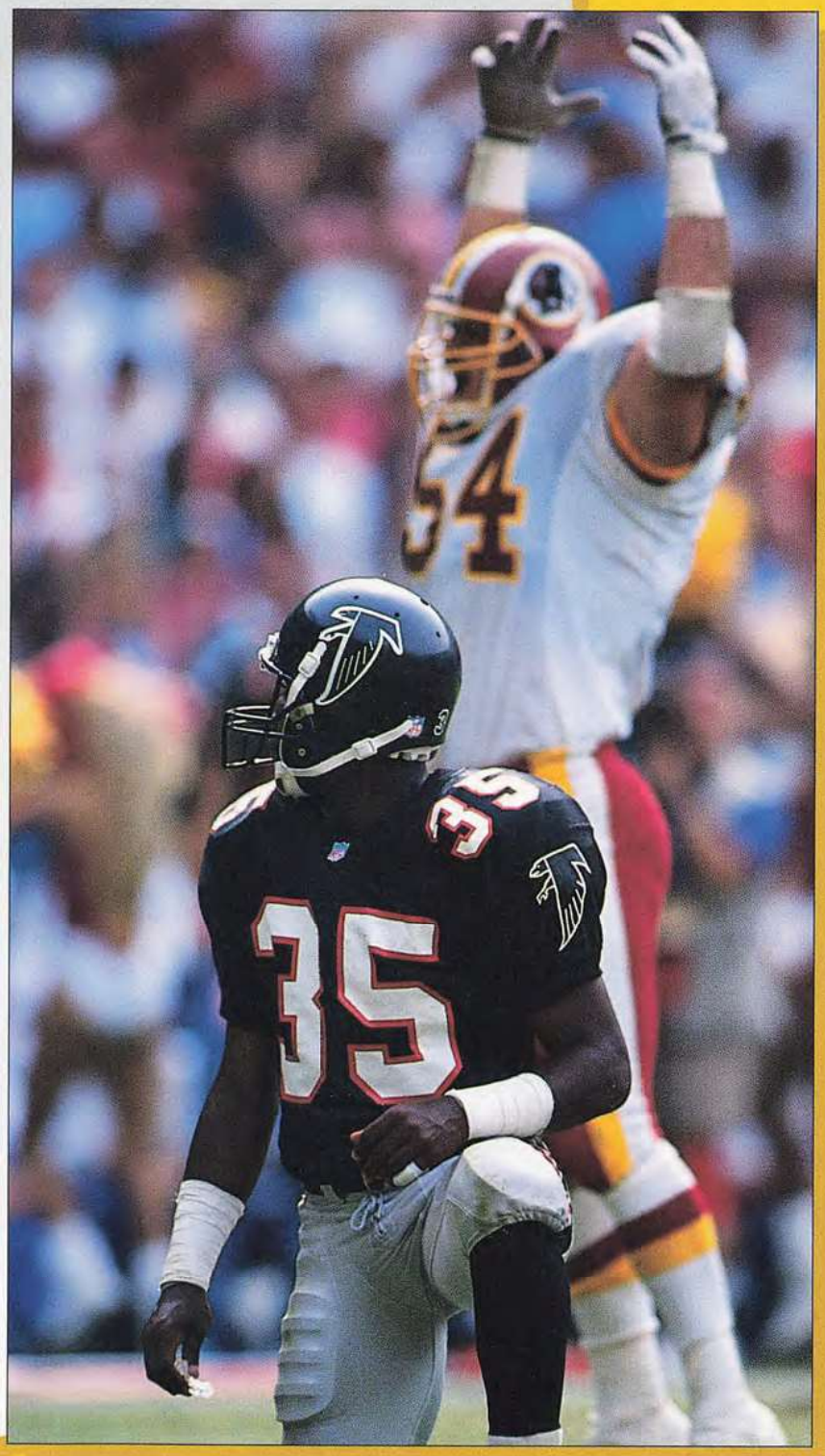
Falcons Deion Sanders, barely out of his baseball spikes, returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards to cut the Redskins lead in half. Seven minutes later Rypien made it 21-7 with his second touchdown of the day, a 16 yarder to Gary Clark. The Falcons once again answered quickly, this time with an 89-yard touchdown pass by Chris Miller to Michael Haynes.

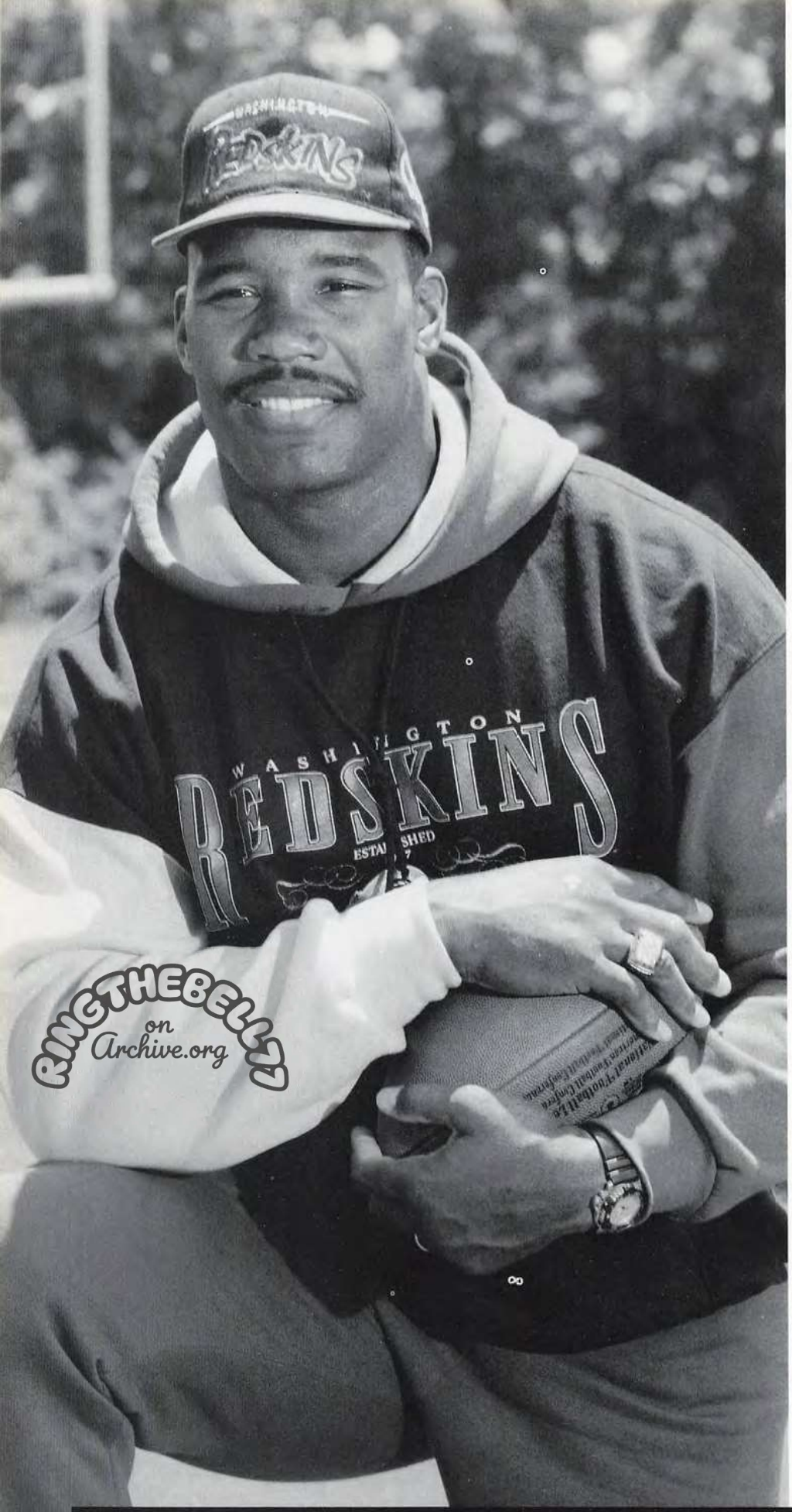
Despite the running of Byner (22 carries, 91 yards) and Ricky Ervins (16 carries, 71 yards), the Redskins failed to pull away in the second half, which set the stage for Gouveia's heroics. Trailing 24-17, with 7:52 to play, Atlanta quickly drove to the Washington 9. On third and goal and with Miller's pass headed for the end zone, Gouveia dove between the ball and Andre Rison to give the Redskins their first win of the 1992 season.

Atlanta	0	14	0	3	—	17
Washington	0	21	3	0	—	24

W — Byner 5 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W — Howard 55 punt return (Lohmiller kick)
A — Sanders 99 kickoff return (Johnson kick)
W — Clark 16 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
A — Haynes 89 pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
W — Lohmiller 41 FG
A — Johnson 24 FG

Game Note: Starting cornerback Darrell Green suffered a broken arm against the Falcons and missed eight weeks. Special teams ace Stephen Hobbs sprained a knee and was lost for the rest of the regular season.





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Byner Leads Way Over Lions

Sanders held to 35 rushing yards; Skins improve record to 2-1

WEEK 3

WASHINGTON, September 20 — For a second straight week, the grind-it-out running of Ernest Byner and a grandiose National Defense allowed the Redskins to secure a home victory over a 1991 playoff participant. Byner's season-high 120 yards rushing were crucial in helping the Redskins counteract three turnovers and control the clock for 37:51. Defensively, the Redskins forced two turnovers and limited Barry Sanders to 35 yards rushing and the Lions to 206 total yards.

The Skins started fast, going up 7-0 on a 6-yard Byner run on their first series. The drive covered 80 yards and chewed almost eight minutes off the clock. The offense would not find the end zone again.

Detroit rookie Jason Hanson kicked a 52-yard field goal in the second quarter, but Chip Lohmiller did him one better with a 53 yarder to make it 10-3 at half-time.

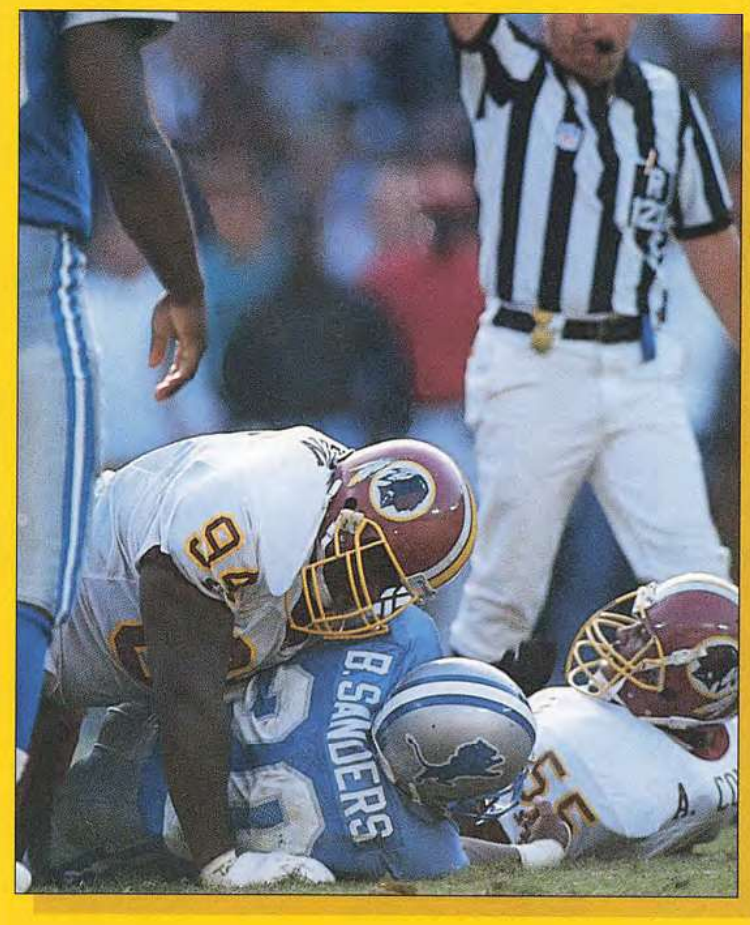
After keeping the ball for 11:39 in the third quarter and getting no points, a Martin Mayhew interception and 33-yard return early in the 4th period set up a 27-yard Chip Lohmiller field goal that provided a 10-point cushion. But just 1:47 later, Detroit had new life as Rodney Peete fired a 67-yard touchdown pass to Willie Green to make it 13-10. An interception gave the Lions the ball with 4:37 to play, but the defense would only allow a 49-yard field goal attempt, which was no good.

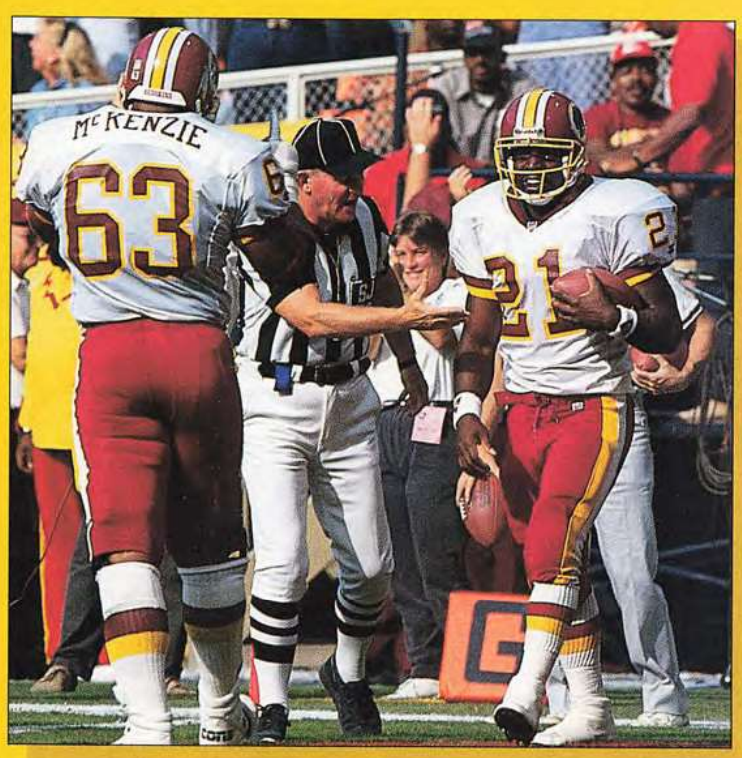
The first three weeks weren't always pretty, but the Redskins would head into the bye-week with a 2-1 record.

Detroit	0	3	0	7	— 10
Washington	7	3	0	3	— 13

W — Byner 6 run (Lohmiller kick)
D — Hanson 52 FG
W — Lohmiller 53 FG
W — Lohmiller 27 FG
D — Green 67 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)

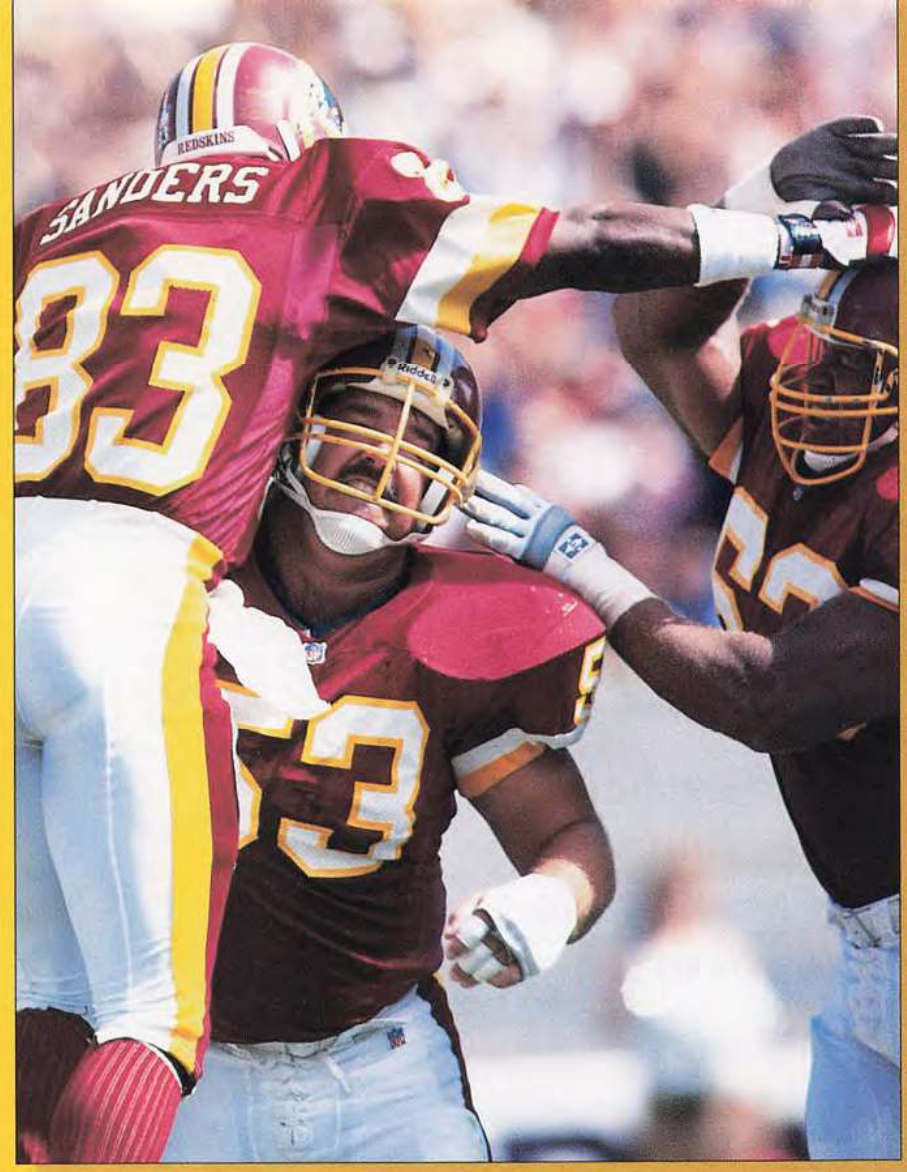
Game Note: The win was the Redskins' 16th straight over the Lions, the longest current streak in the NFL.





Skins Fall In Phoenix, 27-24

Three 4th-quarter touchdowns lift Cardinals to victory



WEEK 4

PHOENIX, October 4 — For most of the afternoon, it looked like the Redskins would easily notch their third straight win. Then came the fourth quarter. The Skins relinquished a 24-6 lead when the Phoenix Cardinals scored 21 unanswered points in the final period to win 27-24 at Sun Devil Stadium.

The Redskins entered the game determined to restore the balance to their offense, which in the season's first three games had done a great job running but had difficulty passing with consistency. Rypien engineered touchdown drives on the first two possessions, the first a 19-yard pass to Ricky Sanders, the second on a 9-yard run by Ernest Byner. Chip Lohmiller's 33-yard field goal made it 17-0 at the half. The Redskins defense, which had five sacks on the day, was in firm control of the line of scrimmage.

Robert Massey's first interception return for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter raised but a few eyebrows in the crowd of 39,048 on a 90 degree afternoon. But his second touchdown off an intercepted Rypien pass six minutes later brought the Cards within four and had the place sizzling. A short time later, on a day when the Phoenix offense showed few signs of life, Chris Chandler put together a 9 play 85 yard drive that took just 3:07 and put the Cards ahead 27-24.

With :33 on the clock, the Redskins managed to get in position for a tying field goal, but Chip Lohmiller's 40-yard effort sailed wide right. The loss left the Redskins in a hole as they dropped to 2-2 overall, 0-2 in the NFC East.

Washington	14	3	7	0	—	24
Phoenix	0	0	6	21	—	27

W — Sanders 19 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W — Byner 9 run (Lohmiller kick)
W — Lohmiller 33 FG
P — Brown 1 run (kick failed)
W — Byner 3 run (Lohmiller kick)
P — Massey 31 interception return (Davis kick)
P — Massey 41 interception return (Davis kick)
P — Centers 9 pass from Chandler (Davis kick)

Game note: The epidemic of injured offensive linemen began against Phoenix when 13-year veteran center Jeff Bostic suffered a torn rotator cuff and was lost for the season.

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Art Appreciation Night

Monk sets reception record as Redskins trounce Broncos

WEEK 5

WASHINGTON, October 12 — The sputtering start to the season was forgotten for one historic night in Washington, when a national television audience saw the Redskins bury the Denver Broncos 34-3 and Art Monk set an NFL record for career receptions.

With the game well in hand, Mark Rypien hit Monk on three straight plays in the fourth quarter. The final, a 10-yard dodge route to the right side with 3:12 to play, gave Monk his 820th career reception, one better than Steve Largent's 819.

It was the Redskins most balanced offensive output to date, with 117 yards rushing, 245 passing and 362 total. But combined with Monk's magic, it may have overshadowed one of the finest defensive efforts of the year.

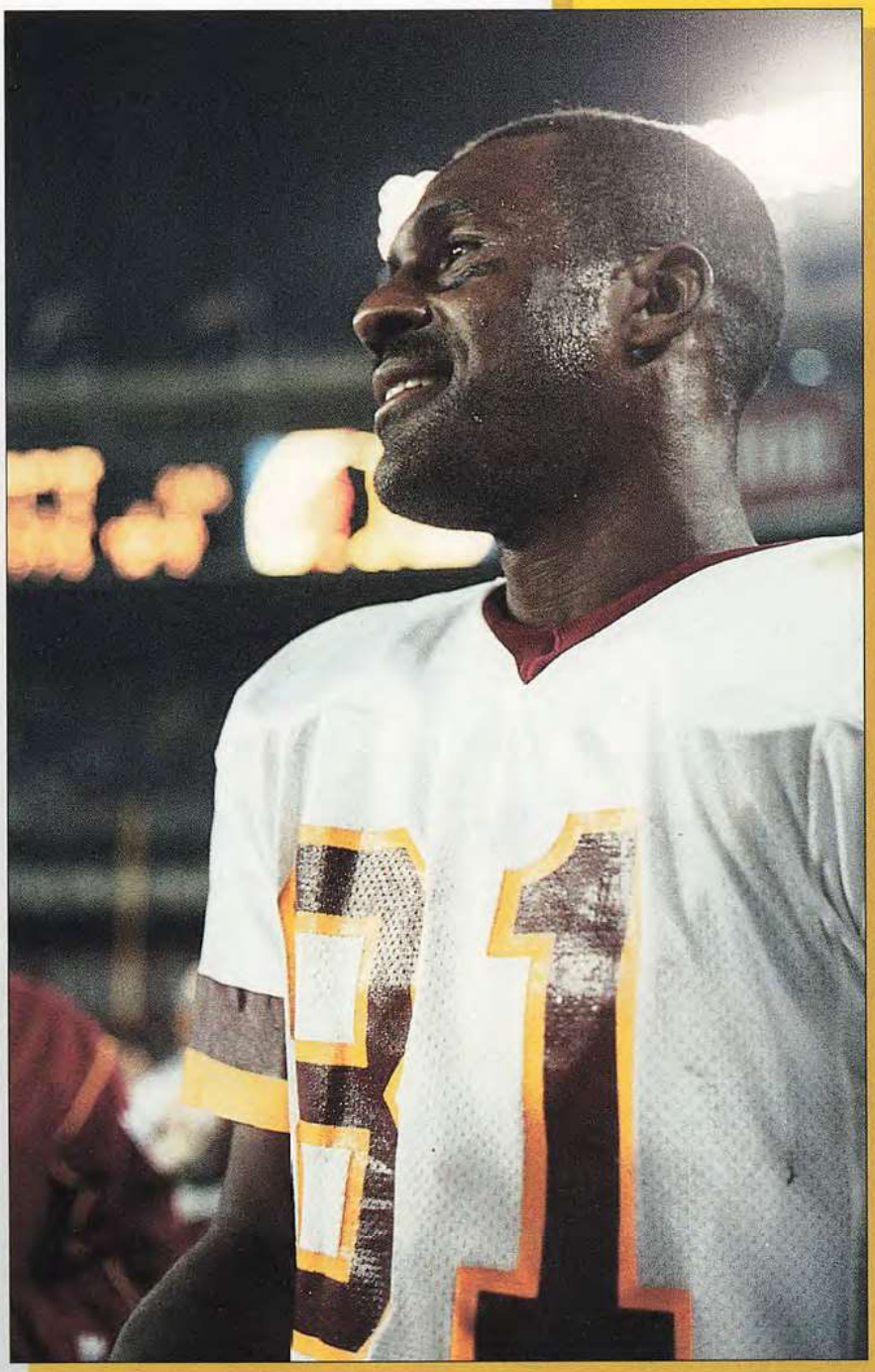
Wilber Marshall broke the game open in the first quarter by returning an interception 20 yards for a touchdown that put the Reskins up 17-3. Marshall was John Elway's worst nightmare, finishing the game with an interception, a sack, forced fumble, quarterback hurry and a deflected pass. Kurt Gouvia (10 tackles) and Sidney Johnson also had interceptions. The defense sacked the dangerous Elway five times and held the Broncos to just 26 yards rushing and a season-low 128 total yards.

It was a timely return for the Redskins, who only a week before were in danger of falling out of contention in the NFC East. They were now just one game behind Dallas and Philadelphia, and the Eagles were up next.

Denver	3	0	0	0	—	3
Washington	17	7	7	3	—	34

W—Rypien 1 run (Lohmiller kick)
D—Treadwell 38 FG
W—Lohmiller 43 FG
W—Marshall 20 interception return (Lohmiller kick)
W—Clark 44 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W—Rypien 1 run (Lohmiller kick)
W—Lohmiller 36 FG

Game Note: All-Pro tackle Jim Lachey suffered a sprained knee against the Broncos and missed the next six games.



National Defense Grounds Eagles

Cunningham, Walker held in check as Washington improves to 4-2

WEEK 6

WASHINGTON, October 18 — The Philadelphia Eagles came into RFK with the NFL's top-ranked defense, and the Redskins looked ripe with all-Pro Jim Lachey on the sidelines. With a patched up offensive line and an awesome defense of their own, the Redskins challenged the birds to a trench war and emerged as 16-12 victors.

Mo Elewonibi made his first NFL start against all-pro Clyde Simmons, and he and the rest of the Hogs helped the offense crank out 320 yards against a team that had been yielding only 230. The National Defense stole the show from the Eagles, and enhanced its reputation as the strength behind a team that was now showing signs of past glory. Marshall, Mann, Tim Johnson, Jason Buck, Fred Stokes and Andre Collins combined to sack the elusive Randall Cunningham 5 times, and Herschel Walker gained just 8 yards on 7 carries.

The Redskins scored a touchdown on their opening drive for the fourth straight week. Ernest Byner carried eight straight times deep into Eagle territory, a demonstration of ball control that mirrored the afternoon. Rypien then found Gary Clark from 10 yards out to make it 7-0.

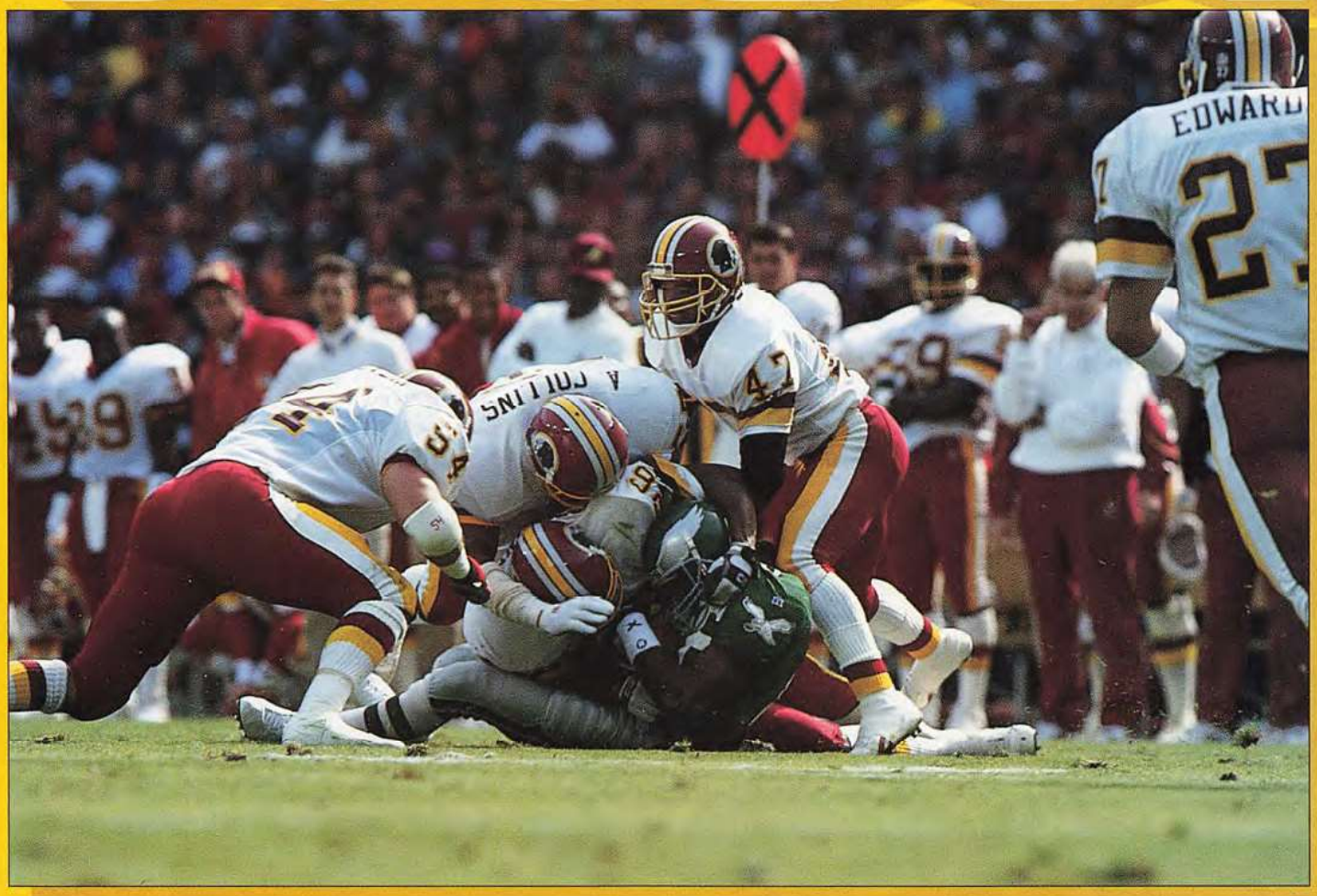
While the defense was keeping the birds caged, the Redskins special teams responded with big plays that led to all other scores. Two of Chip Lohmiller's three field goals were set up by returns from Brian Mitchell. Mitchell had a 47-yard kickoff return in the second quarter and a 32-yard punt return in the third. Another third quarter field goal came after Danny Copeland forced Keith Byars to fumble.

The Redskins conceded a safety with four minutes left, and an Eagle touchdown with :25 left cut the margin to 16-12, but there weren't enough ticks left to matter. The Redskins had won two straight and were back in the division race.

Philadelphia	0	3	0	9	—	12
Washington	7	3	3	3	—	16

W—Clark 10 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
P—Ruzek 39 FG
W—Lohmiller 18 FG
W—Lohmiller 21 FG
W—Lohmiller 28 FG
P—Safety (Goodburn out of end zone on punt)
P—Williams 6 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)

Game Note: With five sacks against the Eagles, the Redskins defense had posted five sacks in three straight games.



Lohmiller Boots Vikings

Five FGs enough for 15-13 Washington win

WEEK 7

MINNEAPOLIS, October 25 — The Redskins last visited the Metrodome for Super Bowl XXVI nine months earlier, and while that game certainly had more hype, it couldn't touch this one for old fashioned NFC-style smash-mouth excitement. Minnesota was 5-1, and had ripped the Redskins 30-0 at RFK in the preseason finale. But Chip Lohmiller returned to his hometown and reminded everyone that the game is called football for good reason. The fired up Vikings may have kept the Redskins out of the end zone, but Lohmiller connected on five straight field goal attempts to give Washington an emotionally exhausting 15-13 win.

After trailing the entire game, the Vikings' Fuad Reveiz hit a 41-yard field goal with 2:28 left to give the Vikings a 13-12 advantage. But Mark Rypien, who was jolted all day by Viking pass rushers, quickly moved the Redskins into Viking territory with a perfect 20-yard pass to Art Monk and an 11-yard scramble that left him woozy for the rest of the series. Then on fourth and seven and the game on the line, Lohmiller calmly drilled the game-winner from 49 yards for the 8th game-winning kick of his career.

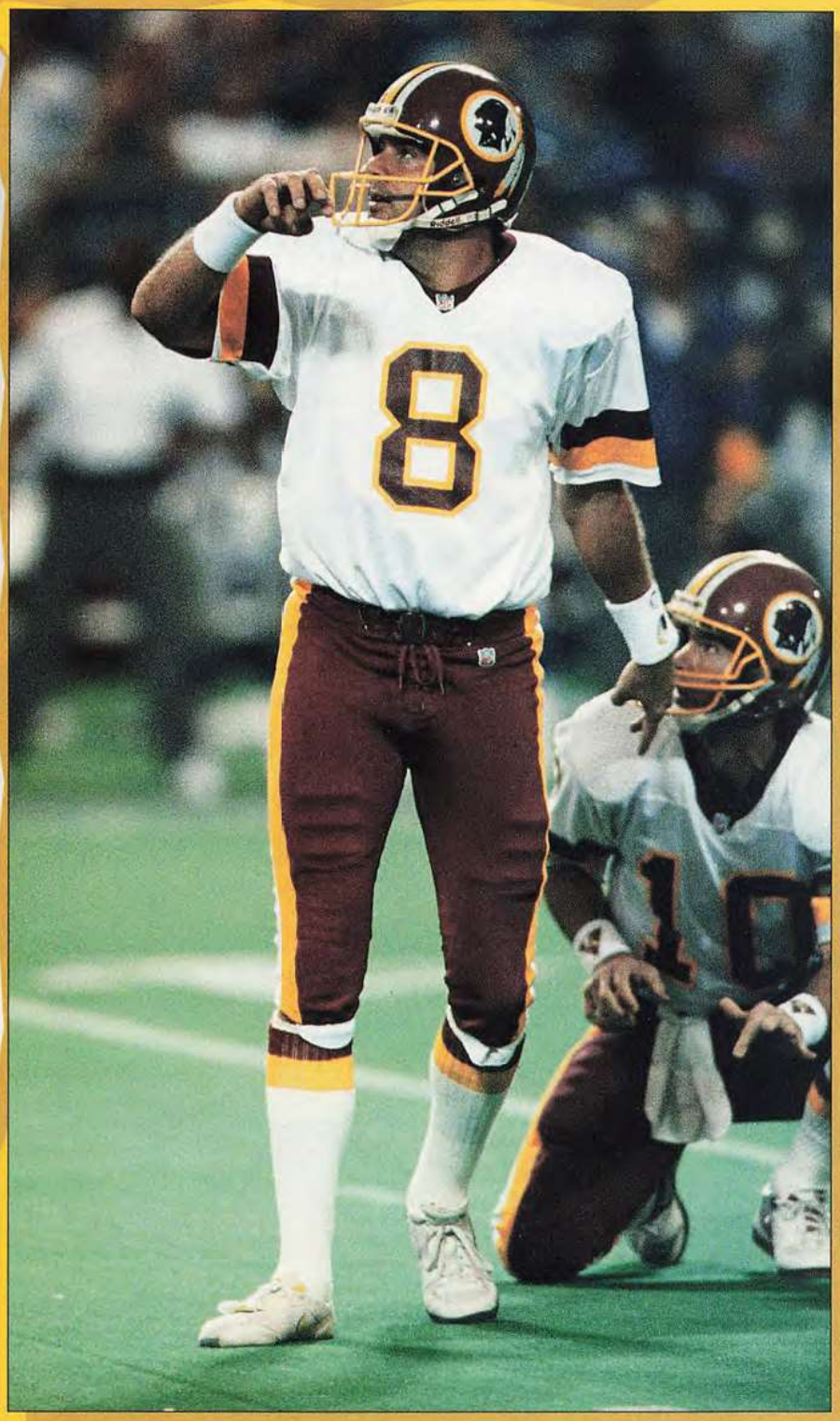
Despite Lohmiller's heroics, the defense once again made the difference. Rich Gannon was sacked four times and the Vikings were limited to just 218 total yards. The Redskins forced three turnovers in the first half that were converted to points. Wilber Marshall had a sack that forced a fumble and Kurt Gouveia also forced a fumble and had an interception.

The game culminated an impressive October for the National Defense, which in four games had held opponents to 224.5 yards per game and posted 19 sacks.

Washington	3	9	0	3	—	15
Minnesota	0	0	3	10	—	13

W—Lohmiller 22 FG
W—Lohmiller 52 FG
W—Lohmiller 25 FG
W—Lohmiller 45 FG
M—Reveiz 26 FG
M—Allen 1 run (Reveiz kick)
M—Reveiz 41 FG
W—Lohmiller 49 FG

Game Note: The victory over the Vikings was the first time since 1982 the Redskins won without scoring a touchdown.



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Giants Rush Past Redskins

Offense struggles in 24-7 loss

WEEK 8

WASHINGTON, November 1 — When a division rival comes to town, it usually means war. But the Giants punishing running attack and the Redskins sputtering offense took the tension out of this one early, as the Redskins were stung 24-7 on Sunday night at RFK. A defense that had survived the most stringent of tests in recent weeks was finally left on the field too long and could do little to stop the Giants, who rang up 389 yards of offense, the third highest total the Redskins would surrender all year.

Rodney Hampton picked up 138 of his team's 241 yards rushing, and Jeff Hostetler ran for 37 yards and threw two touchdown passes. The Giants finished with a 39:20 to 20:40 time of possession advantage. The Redskins scored first and got their only points on a nifty 84-yard punt return by Brian Mitchell. It was the longest return of Mitchell's career and the third longest in Redskin history.

A 30-yard Dave Meggett punt return, a 29-yard pass to Howard Cross and a 27-yard run by Hostetler set up Jarrod Bunch's 8-yard touchdown run just over three minutes later, making the score 7-7. Hostetler threw touchdown passes to Ed McCaffery and Meggett in the second quarter and the Giants led 21-7 before adding a field goal in the fourth quarter.

The atmosphere was less than festive for Earnest Byner, who passed Mike Thomas to become the Redskins third all-time leading rusher. The loss was only the third in the last 25 games at home for the Redskins, who dropped two full games behind the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC East.

New York	7	14	0	3	—	24
Washington	7	0	0	0	—	7

W—Mitchell 84 punt return (Lohmiller kick)
NY—Bunch 8 run (Bahr kick)
NY—McCaffery 17 pass from Hostetler (Bahr kick)
NY—Meggett 4 pass from Hostetler (Bahr kick)
NY—Bahr 18 FG

Game Note: Brian Mitchell's punt return for a touchdown was the third of his career and broke Mike Nelms' team record.

Skins Open Final Half of Season with Win

Rypien sharp in second half vs. Seattle

WEEK 9

SEATTLE, November 8 — The Redskins reached the halfway point with a 5-3 record, but several questions loomed prior to a three-game road trip that began in the Pacific Northwest. The offense had not scored a touchdown in 11 quarters, and the running game had averaged only 3.1 yards per carry in its previous three outings. Seattle, led by all-Pro Cortez Kennedy, boasted the league's number-one ranked pass defense.

The first half provided no answers, as the Redskins failed on their first six third down attempts and needed a 48-yard Chip Lohmiller field goal with :36 left to tie the score 3-3 at the half.

After intermission, Mark Rypien engineered three scoring drives. H-Back Terry Orr, by now the Redskins not-so-secret weapon, finished with 3 catches for 82 yards and was the game's Most Valuable Player. He caught a pass on all three second-half scoring drives. Earnest Byner kicked in seven catches for 61 yards to go with 47 yards rushing.

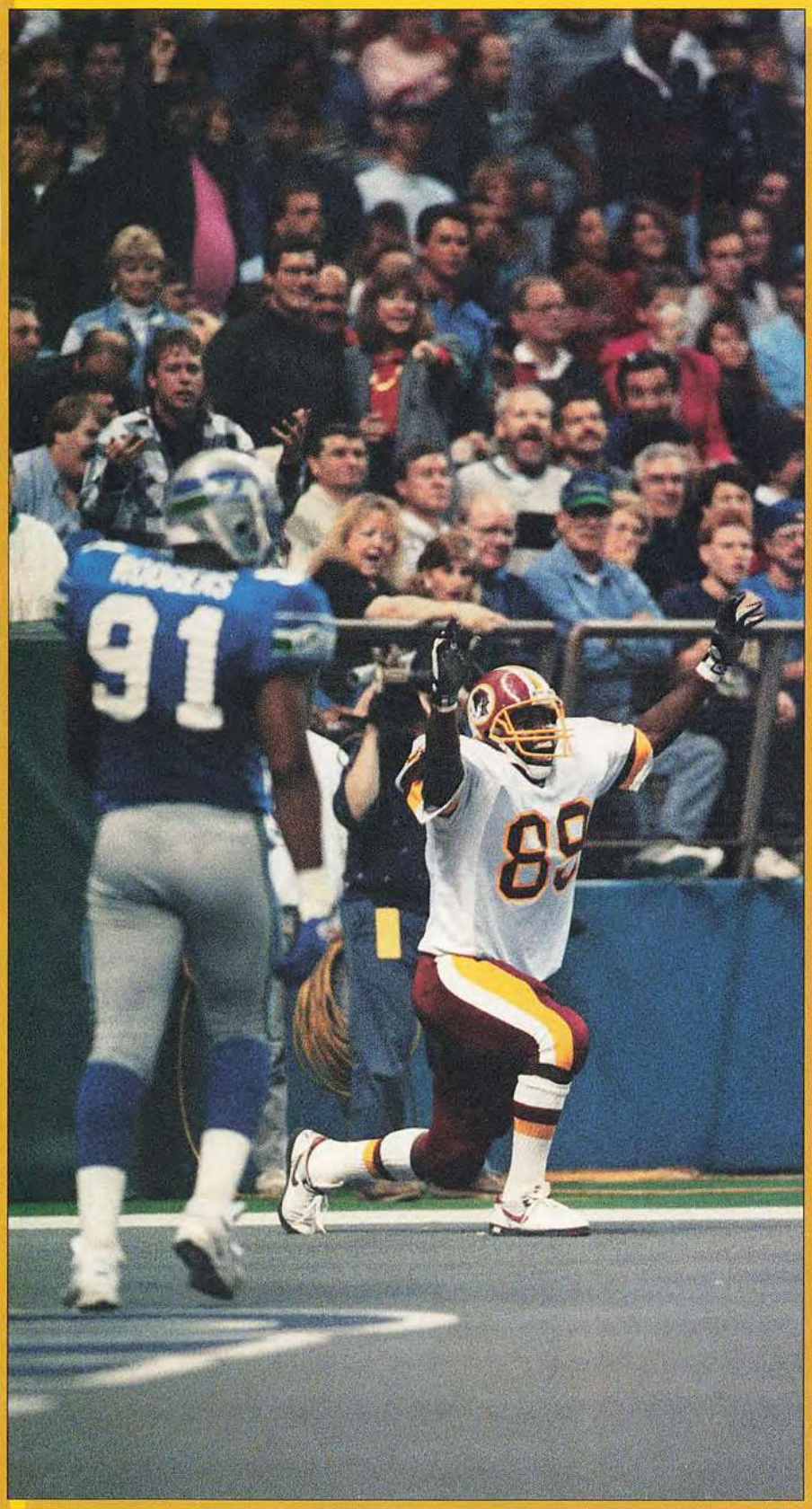
Lohmiller's 33-yard field goal gave Washington a 6-3 lead early in the fourth quarter. A 46-yard pass from Rypien to Orr a short time later put Lohmiller in position again, this time for a 37 yarder that made it 9-3.

The defense, which forced three turnovers and held Seattle to 183 yards, never allowed the Seahawks to threaten in the second half. Rypien picked apart the Seattle defense in the second half. He finished the day 21-30 for 248 yards. He also broke a 14 quarter scoring drought with a 26-yard touchdown to Orr that made the score 16-3, where it would stay.

Washington	0	3	6	7	—	16
Seattle	0	3	0	0	—	3

S—Kasay 22 FG
W—Lohmiller 48 FG
W—Lohmiller 33 FG
W—Lohmiller 37 FG
W—Orr 26 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)

Game Note: In the second half vs. the Seahawks, Mark Rypien completed 12-16 passes for 163 yards.



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Chiefs Rough Up Washington

KC scores on first four possessions vs. banged-up Skins

WEEK 10

KANSAS CITY, November 15 — The Redskins defense was hurting, and the Chiefs had great size up front plus big, powerful running backs to blast through holes. The Redskins were down to their third left tackle, forcing a shuffle of players on the offensive line for a third straight week, and would have to contend with the a pass rush that featured Derrick Thomas and Neil Smith. These factors indicated the Redskins might have trouble with the Chiefs and sadly, they all turned out to be true in a 35-16 drubbing at Arrowhead Stadium.

The Chiefs wasted no time showing their dominance on both sides of the ball, scoring touchdowns on their first four possessions for a 28-0 lead. The Redskins mounted a mini-rally in the second half, but had to settle for field goals when touchdowns were needed.

Christian Okoye had a pair of rushing touchdowns, and backfield mate Harvey Williams had one touchdown and led the Chiefs with 88 yards on the ground. The ground game opened windows for quarterback Dave Krieg, who picked on the limping secondary and completed 19-29 for 302 yards. He threw a pair of touchdowns to wideout Tim Barnett, who finished with 6 catches for 148 yards.

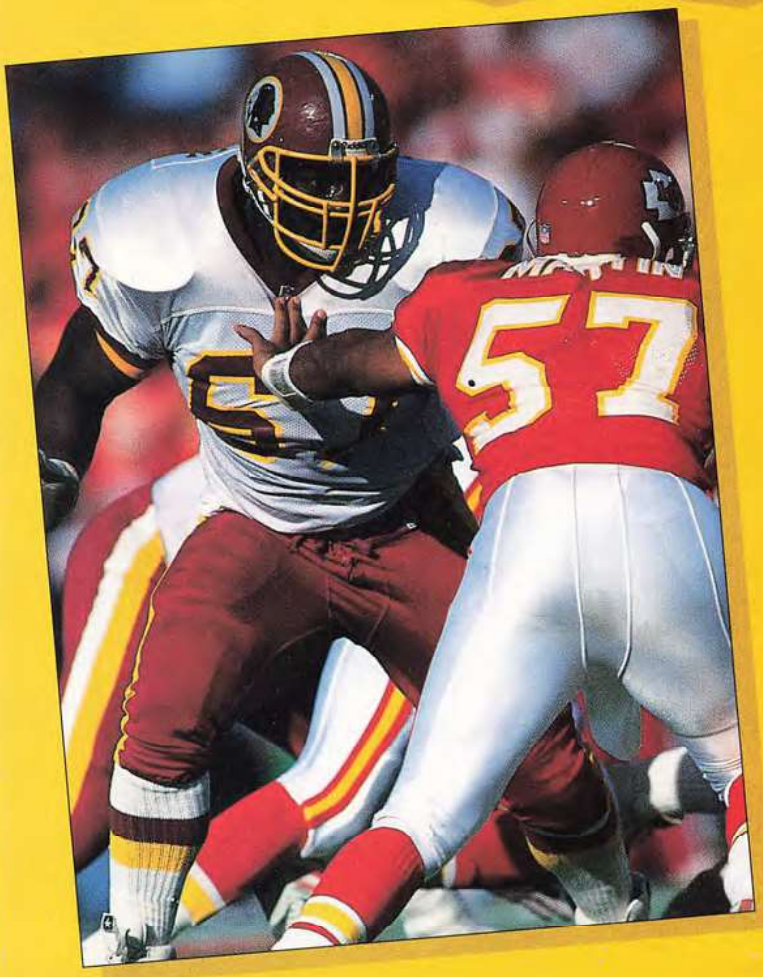
In the second half, Brian Mitchell aided the Redskins only touchdown drive of the day with a 33-yard run on a fake punt. Ricky Ervins scored a five-yard touchdown and caught a Redskins season-best 10 passes in the second half. But Lohmiller field goals of 40, 26 and 38 yards weren't nearly enough.

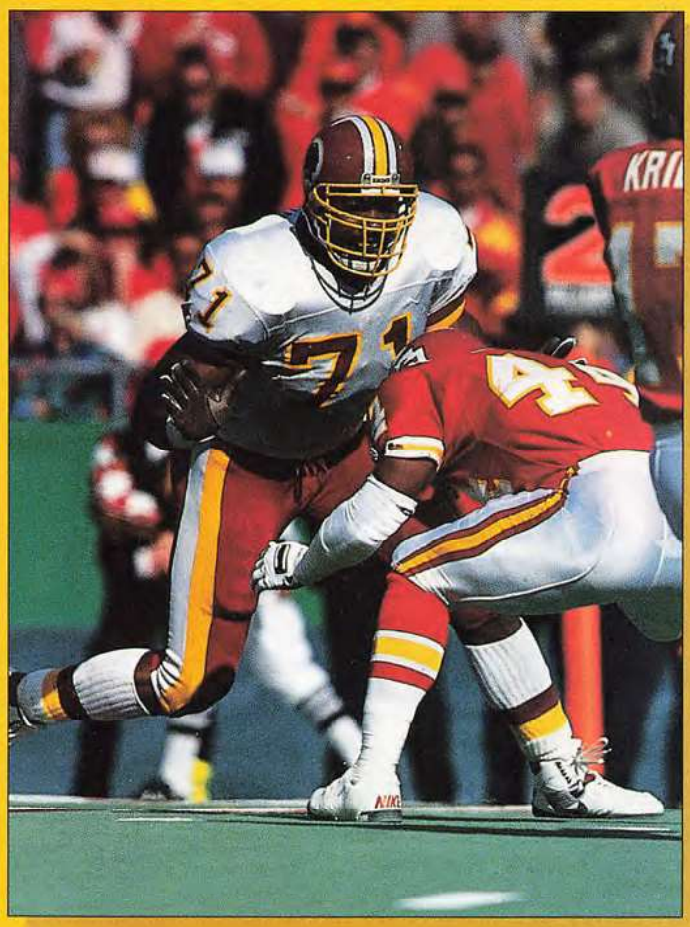
The Redskins finished the game with 10 players either out or injured, and knew they would face the same kind of physical matchup a week later in New Orleans.

Washington	0	0	13	3	—	16
Kansas City	7	21	0	7	—	35

K—Okoye 2 run (Lowery kick)
K—Barnett 44 pass from Krieg (Lowery kick)
K—Okoye 3 run (Lowery kick)
K—H. Williams 5 run (Lowery kick)
W—Ervins 5 run (Lohmiller kick)
W—Lohmiller 40 FG
W—Lohmiller 26 FG
W—Lohmiller 38 FG
K—Barnett 35 pass from Krieg (Lowery kick)

Game Note: Art Monk raised his streak to 142 consecutive games with a pass reception, but it was the first time in 13 seasons he caught a pass against the Chiefs.





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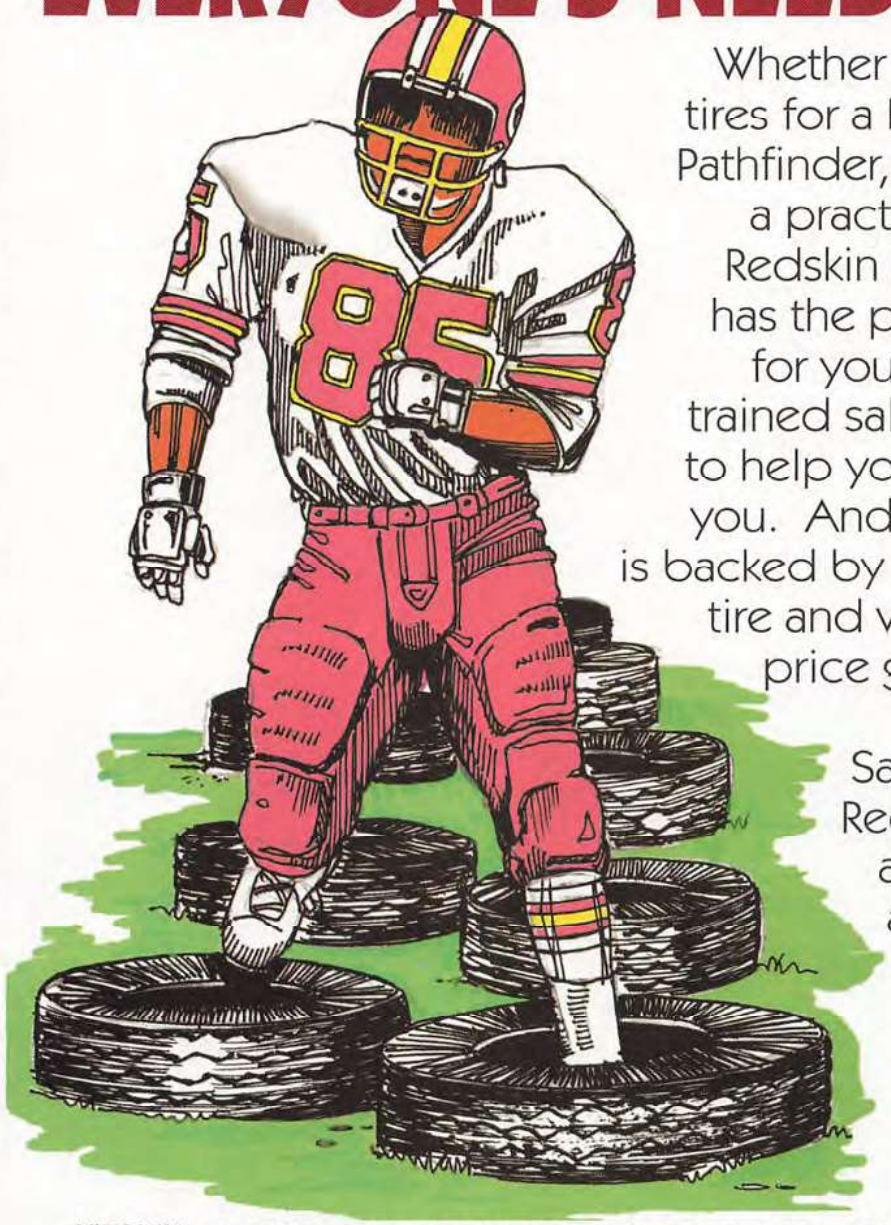

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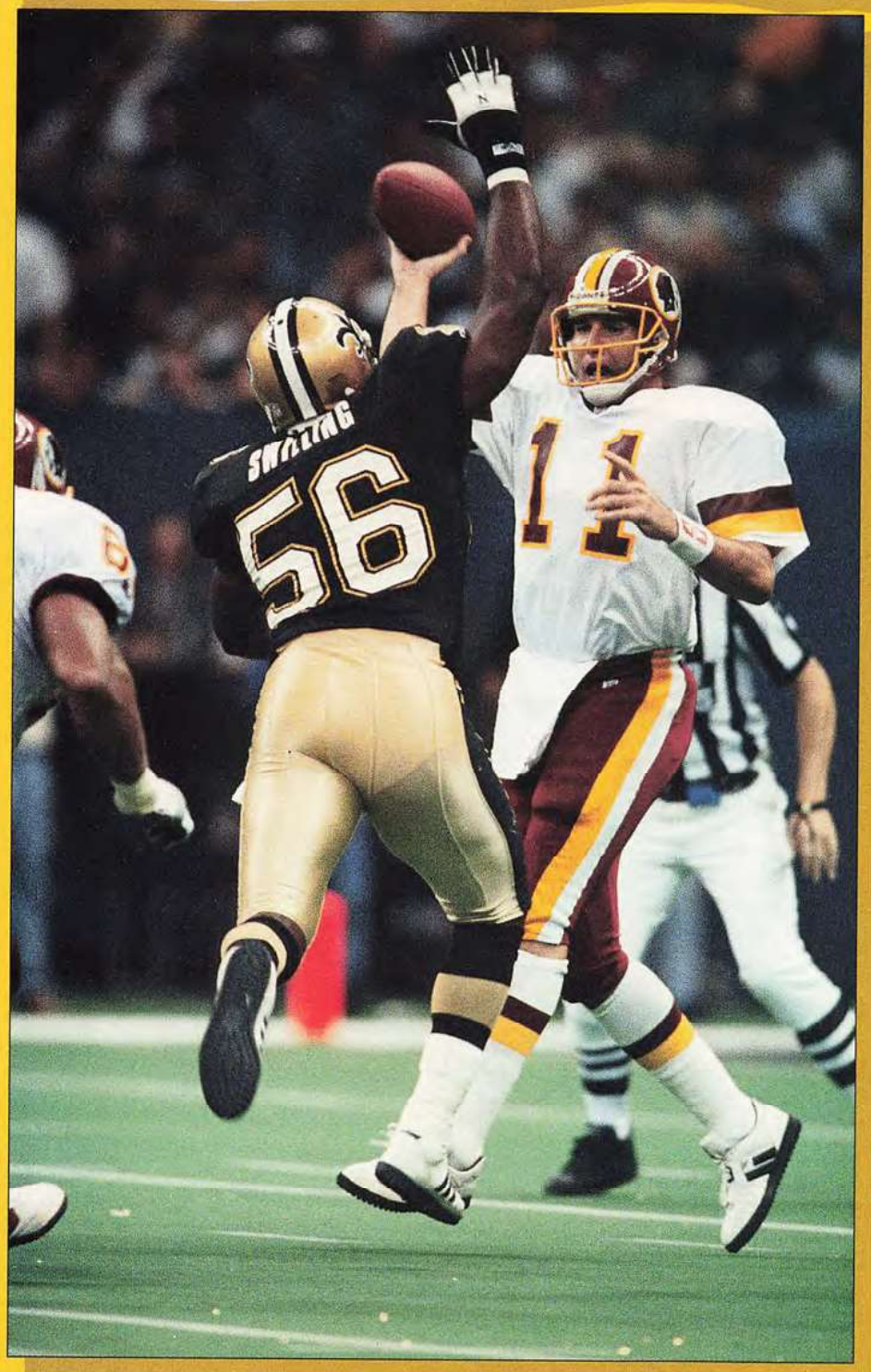
Saints March Past Redskins

Washington offensive woes continue in 20-3 loss

WEEK 11

NEW ORLEANS, November 23 — The Redskins first offensive series was one of the most impressive of the year. It lasted 19 plays, covered 70 yards, took 10:07 off the clock and gave Washington a 3-0 lead. It also concluded the Redskins offensive highlights for the evening in a 20-3 Monday Night loss at the Superdome.



After that first drive, the game followed a script that had become all too familiar. A struggling rushing attack produced just 58 yards on the ground and allowed the NFL's top-ranked pass defense to be even more aggressive. Mark Rypien was sacked four times and pressured almost every play.

The Saints 20 unanswered points came despite an inspired defensive effort. With three defensive starters missing and several others playing hurt, the Saints gained just 224 yards and had only a :16 time of possession advantage. But quarterback Bobby Hebert was sharp, hitting 14-18 for 142 yards and a touchdown.

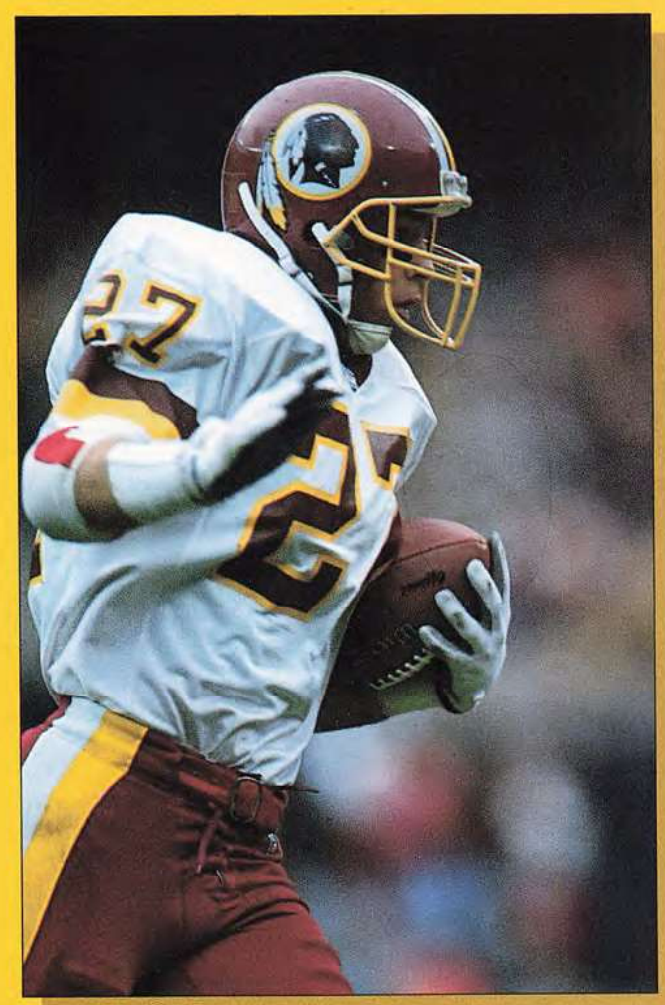
Running back Dalton Hilliard (13 carries, 54 yards) scored the Saints first touchdown on an 18-yard run in the second quarter. Soon after it was 14-3 when a 41-yard pass interference penalty put Hebert in position for a 5-yard touchdown pass to Quin Early. Morten Anderson added a pair of field goals in the second half.

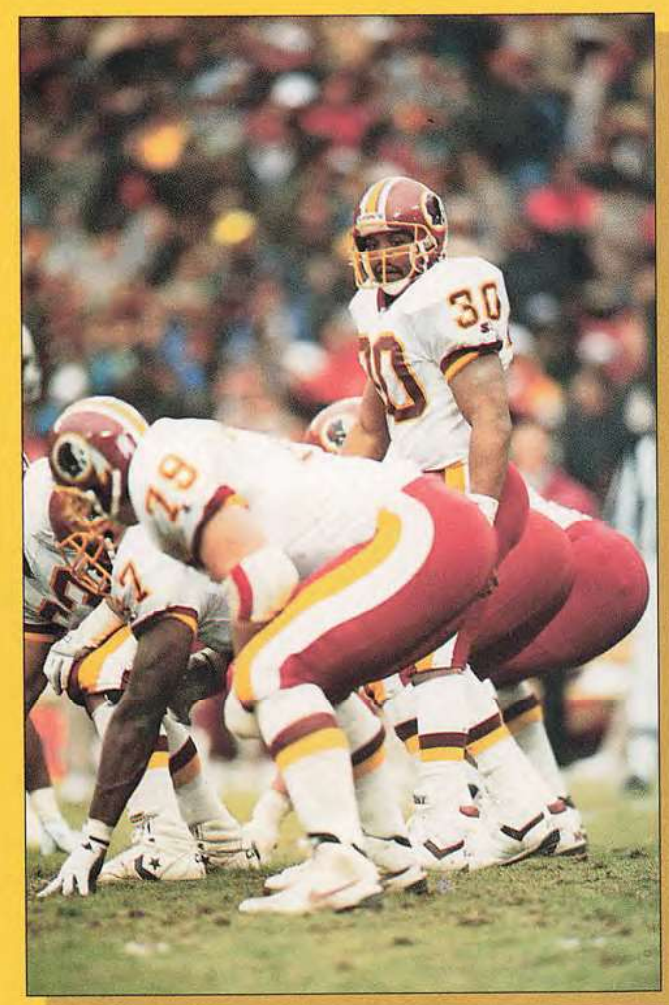
The Redskins were now on the ropes. It was the third time in four weeks they had been beaten convincingly, and a 6-5 record left them just one game ahead of the surging Green Bay Packers for the final NFC playoff spot.

Washington	3	0	0	0	—	3
New Orleans	0	14	3	3	—	20

W—Lohmiller 34 FG
NO—Hilliard 18 run (Andersen kick)
NO—Early 5 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick)
NO—Andersen 43 FG
NO—Andersen 45 FG

Game Note: The Redskins had not lost to the Saints since 1979.





Home Sweet Home

Skins return to RFK, break 2-game skid with 41-3 pounding of Cardinals

WEEK 12

WASHINGTON, November 29 — After a rocky three-week road trip, the Redskins returned to RFK and had just about everything go their way in a 41-3 pasting of the Cardinals. Brad Edwards intercepted three passes, returned one for a 53 yard touchdown and forced a fumble at the goal line.

The offense, having scored just two touchdowns in the past 23 quarters, responded with 143 yards rushing and the highest point total of the year. Mark Rypien threw for two touchdowns, and Cary Conklin also got into the act in his NFL debut, hitting Ark Monk for a 10-yard score in the fourth quarter.

Left tackle Jim Lachey returned to the lineup and reaffirmed his status as one of the Redskins most valuable players. The Redskins rushing total was their highest in 10 weeks. Earnest Byner led the way with 62 yards and a touchdown, while Ricky Ervins contributed 52 yards on 11 carries. It was also the first time in seven weeks the Redskins did not give up a sack.

This game had something for everyone. In addition to Edwards' return for a touchdown, there was Wilber Marshall's 30 yard fumble return and subsequent pitch to Alvoid Mays for 26 more yards. Overall, the Redskins rang up 259 return yards on five interceptions and one fumble recovery. All the Cardinals miscues except one were converted to points. Brian Mitchell lined up at quarterback twice, with Rypien split wide left both plays. Mitchell kept the ball both times, gaining eight and 17 yards. Rookie defensive end Shane Collins also played fullback in a short yardage situation.

Phoenix	3	0	0	0	—	3
Washington	14	6	7	14	—	41

P—Davis 42 FG
W—Sanders 13 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W—Edwards 53 interception return (Lohmiller kick)
W—Lohmiller 32 FG
W—Lohmiller 22 FG
W—Byner 3 run (Lohmiller kick)
W—Clark 31 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W—Monk 10 pass from Conklin (Lohmiller kick)

Game Note: The win over the Cardinals was the 137th win of Joe Gibbs' career, and it moved him past Hank Stram into 10th place all time.

Washington Tramples Giants

Rypien throws for pair of TDs as Skins avenge earlier loss

WEEK 13

EAST RUTHERFORD, December 6 — There's something about the month of December that makes the Redskins click. Soundly beaten by the Giants at RFK, the Redskins traveled to the Meadowlands and dished out all the punishment in a 28-10 victory.

The win looked curiously like the Redskins of the year before, and for the first time in weeks so did the lineup. Jim Lachey and Joe Jacoby were healthy, Darrell Green started at cornerback and Mark Rypien was nearly perfect. Earnest Byner (20 carries, 100 yards) and Ricky Ervins (13 carries, 68 yards) together averaged 5.1 yards per carry to generate a season-high 177 yards rushing, and the offensive line for the second week in a row did not give up a sack. The Giants were held to 165 total yards and a season-low 73 yards passing.

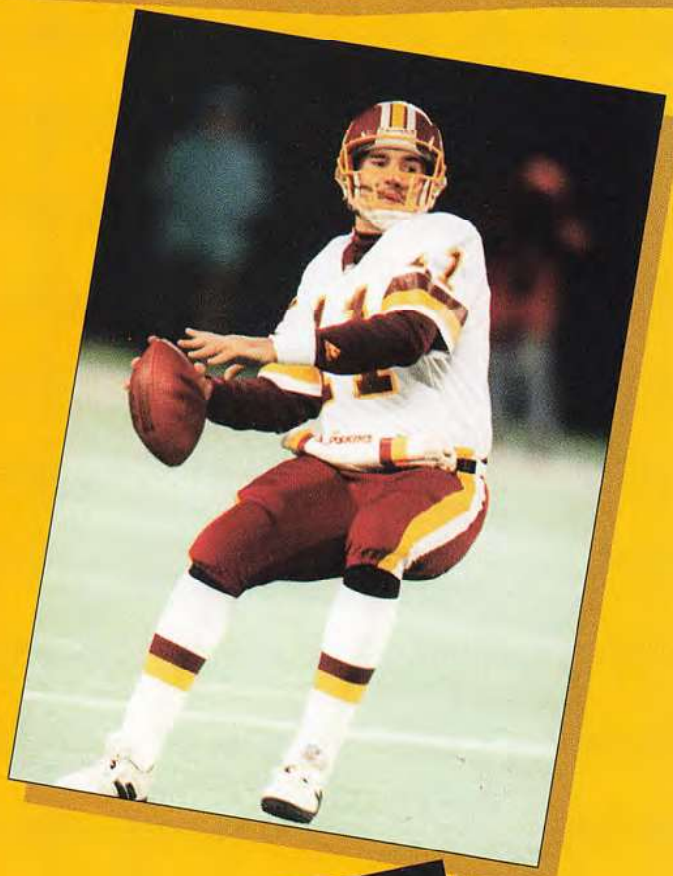
The offense converted 8-11 third down attempts while cranking out a season-high 393 total yards. Rypien hit on 15-18 passes for 216 yards and two touchdowns. He directed scoring drives in all four quarters. Passes of 14 and 15 yards set up the first score, a 1-yard run by Byner. In the second quarter, Byner scored on an 11 yarder that capped a season-best 96-yard drive. Byner carried seven times for 39 yards on the drive and Ervins had a 15-yard run and 14-yard reception.

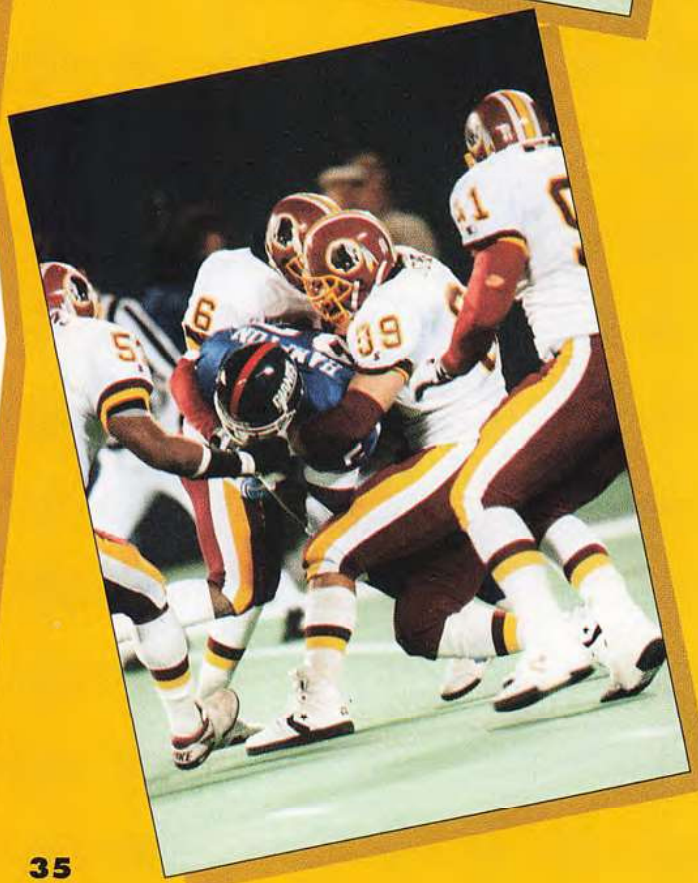
The Giants cut it to 14-10 in the third quarter, but the Redskins immediately embarked on a 80-yard drive that ended with Rypien's 20-yard touchdown pass to Terry Orr. Rypien's second touchdown pass, a 42-yarder to Art Monk, iced the game in the fourth.

Washington	7	7	7	7	—	28
New York	0	3	7	0	—	10

W—Byner 1 run (Lohmiller kick)
W—Byner 11 run (Lohmiller kick)
NY—Willis 43 FG
NY—Hampton 1 run (Willis kick)
W—Orr 20 pass from Rypien
W—Monk 42 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)

Game Note: The game was Joe Gibbs' 200 as the Redskins head coach, and improved the Redskins record under Gibbs in December to 32-10.





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Skins Stuff Dallas, 20-17

"The Fumble" punctuates Washington comeback

WEEK 14

WASHINGTON, December 13 — The past twenty years had given the Redskins-Cowboys rivalry all the fuel it needed, but the flames were stoked even further when another historic chapter was added with an improbable 20-17 come-from-behind victory against the Cowboys.

Behind 17-13, Jason Buck forced "The Fumble." When the Cowboys elected to pass from their own five, Buck collapsed the pocket and knocked the ball loose from Troy Aikman. Emmitt Smith was the first man to the ball, but was nailed by Andre Collins as he tried to shuffle it forward. That allowed Danny Copeland to emerge from the ensuing pileup with the ball. The referee signaled touchdown and RFK Stadium literally shook.

It was fitting the game would be decided by a turnover. The Redskins defense forced four on the day and the offense capitalized in the form of 13 unanswered points in the second half. Copeland (13 tackles, two fumble recoveries), was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week, and led a unit that registered four sacks and shut the Cowboys out after intermission.

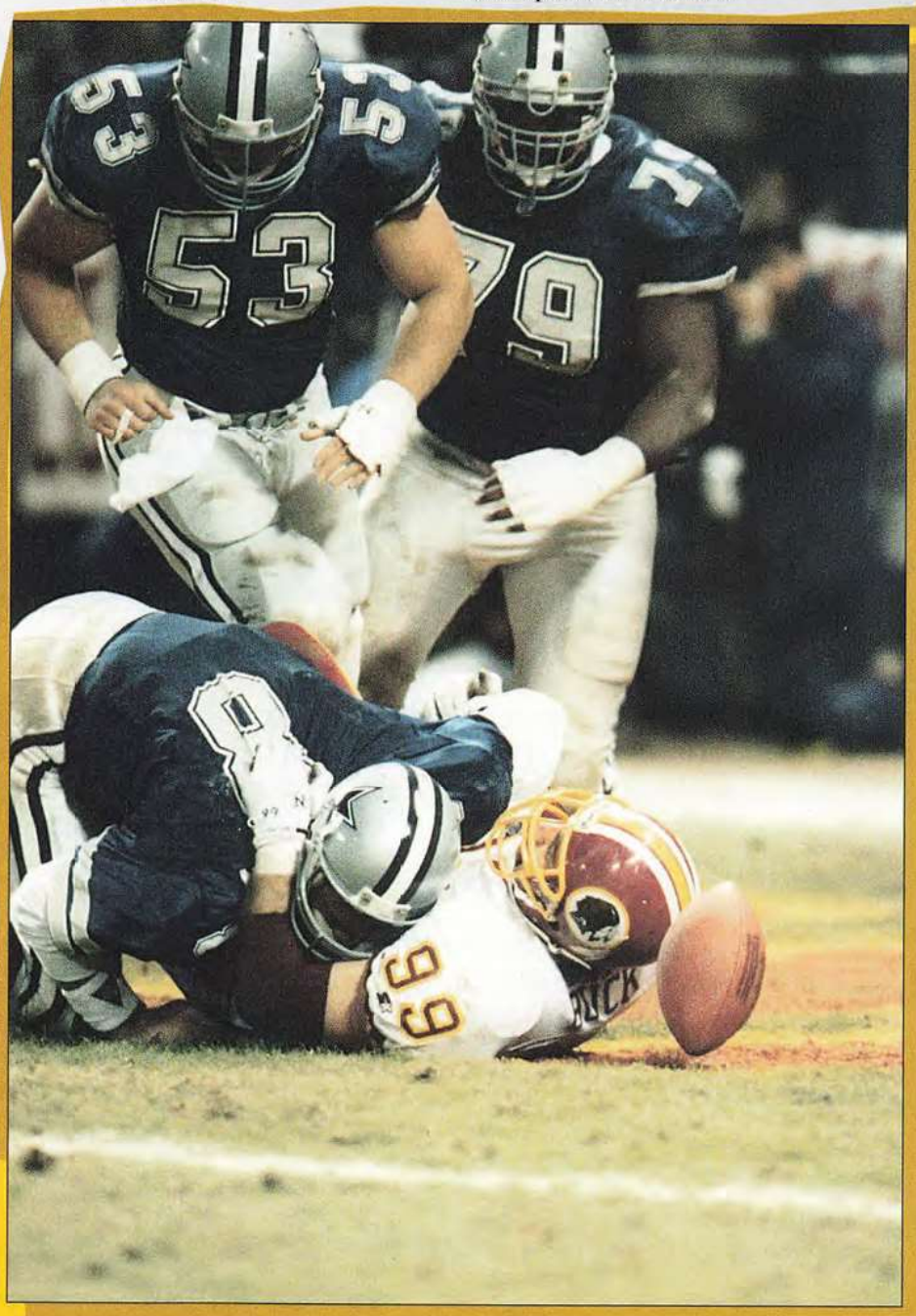
The offense was opportunistic. Down 10-0, Earnest Byner hit Terry Orr for a 41-yard touchdown pass following a muffed punt that was recovered by Guy Bingham. Then, trailing 17-10 and with the Cowboys about to score another touchdown, Collins intercepted Aikman at the goal line and raced 59 yards to the Dallas 42 to set up a field goal.

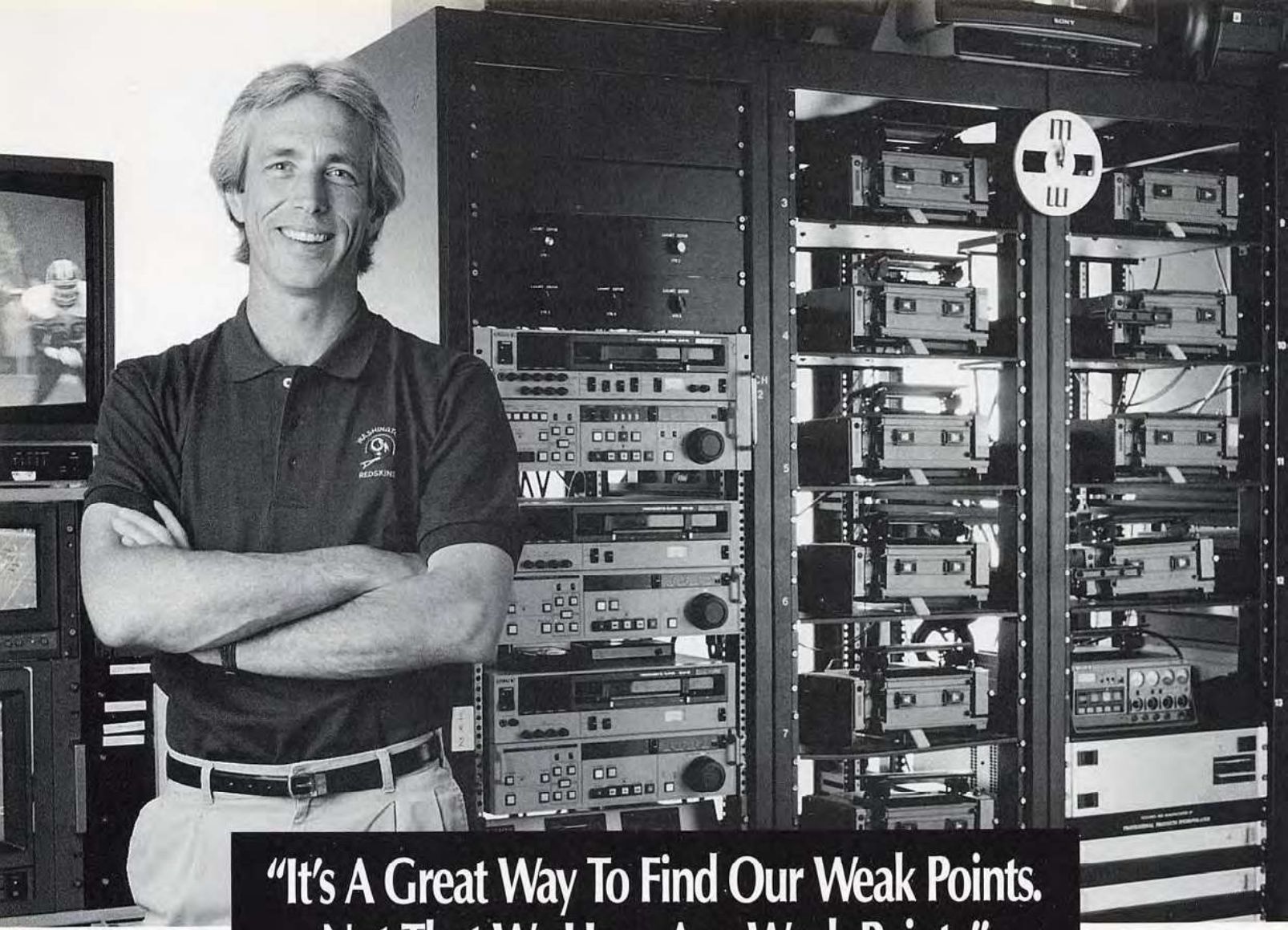
The Redskins, who improved their December record under Joe Gibbs to 33-10, were the winners of three straight, and at 9-5 controlled their own playoff destiny with Philadelphia on the docket next week.

Dallas	3	14	0	0	— 17
Washington	0	7	3	10	— 20

D—Elliott 23 FG
D—Novacek 5 pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
W—Orr 41 pass from Byner (Lohmiller kick)
D—Novacek 5 pass from Aikman (Elliott kick)
W—Lohmiller 32 FG
W—Lohmiller 22 FG
W—Copeland fumble recovery in end zone (Lohmiller kick)

Game Note: With his touchdown pass to Terry Orr, Earnest Byner became the only NFL player to rush, receive and throw for a touchdown each of the past three seasons.





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Redskins Fall In Philly

Playoff status still questionable

WEEK 15

PHILADELPHIA, December 20 — It came down to the last play of the game, but the Redskins were forced to wait another week before learning their playoff fate. With :02 left Philadelphia cornerback Eric Allen tipped Mark Rypien's pass just enough to keep it out of Gary Clark's hands and preserve the Eagles 17-13 victory. The play thwarted a valient effort that started on the Washington 10 with 3:35 left. In that span, the Redskins got off 17 plays and went 85 yards, but came up five yards short of the end zone.

The Redskins had a 13-7 lead at halftime thanks to a pair of Chip Lohmiller field goals and a 62-yard touchdown pass from Rypien to Ricky Sanders (7 catches, 114 yards). Byner pounded the tough Eagle defense for 56 first-half yards and finished with 93 yards on 16 carries. But in addition to the outstanding individual efforts, there were mistakes that let the Eagles score 10 unanswered points in the second half.

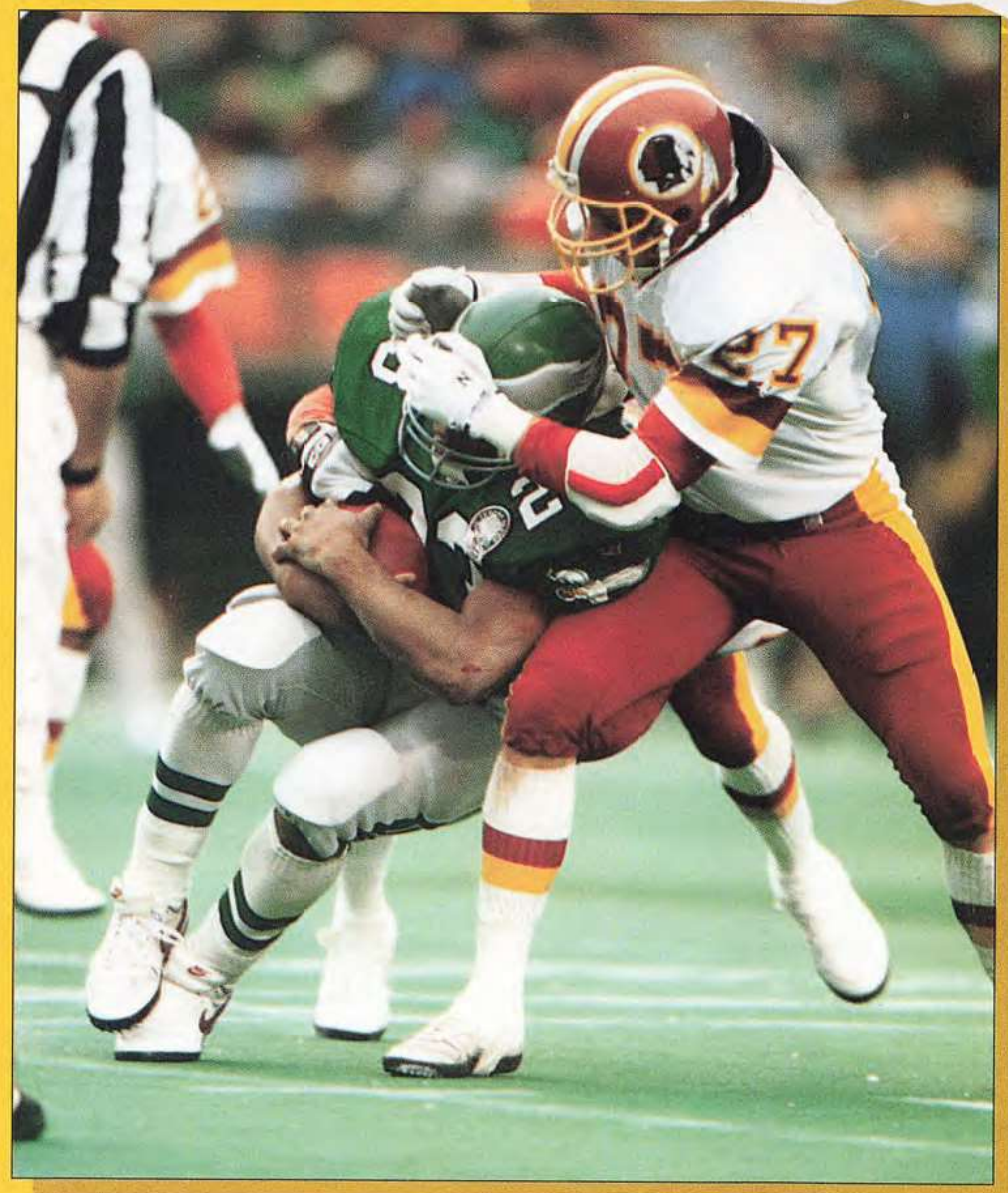
The Eagles took the lead on their opening possession of the second half. Randall Cunningham's 28-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Williams capped a seven-play, 80-yard effort that gave the Eagles a 14-13 advantage. An interception and a fumble less than two minutes apart gave Philadelphia momentum, and soon after a 47-yard punt return by Via Sikahema gave Ruzek another chance from closer in. His 23 yarder with 3:35 left made a touchdown necessary and set the stage for the final drive.

Twenty yards on two carries by Byner, receptions of 15 and 19 yards by Ricky Ervins and several clutch plays by Mark Rypien made it exciting, but in the end only the Eagles were cheering.

Washington	0	13	0	0	—	13
Philadelphia	0	7	7	3	—	17

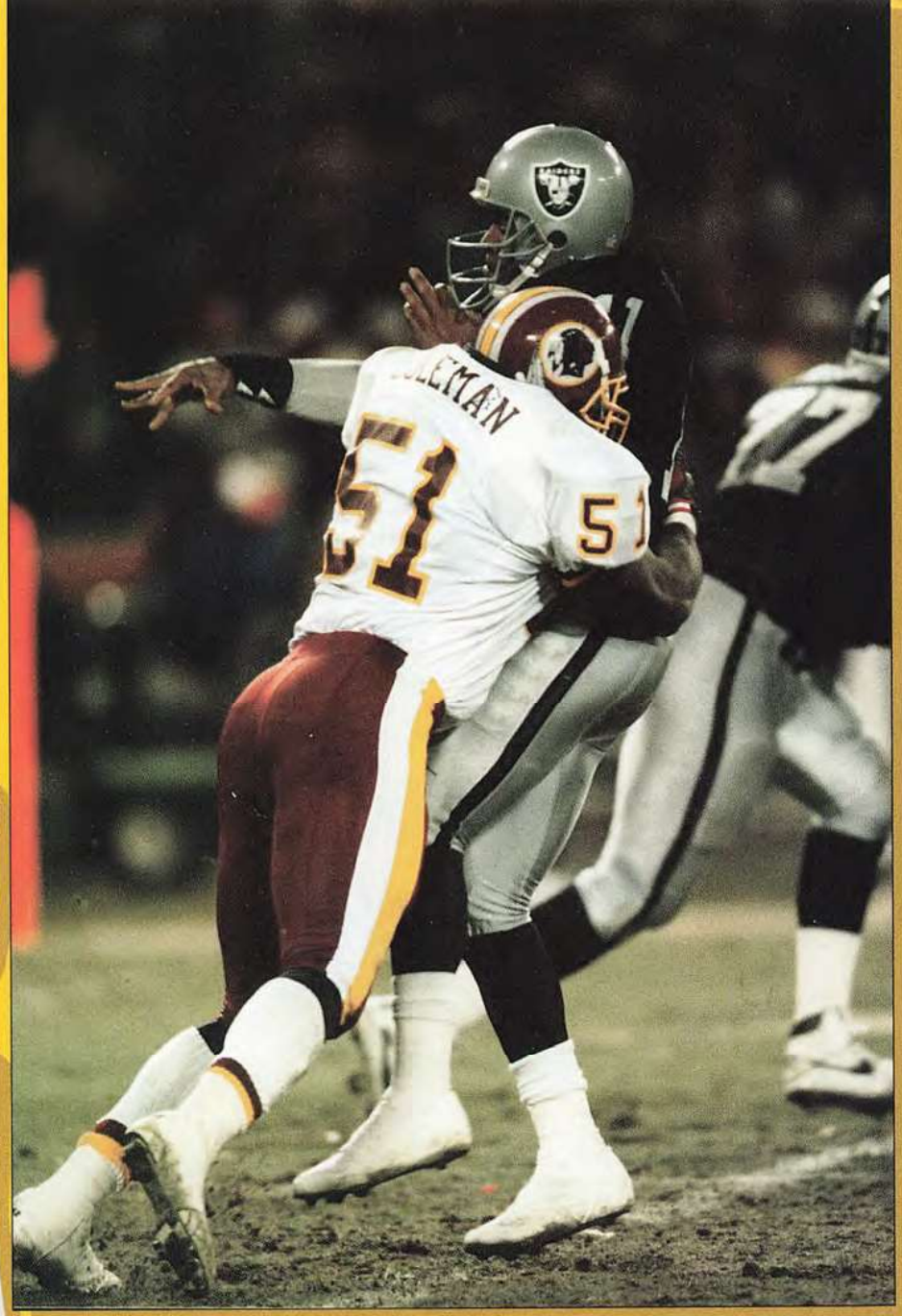
W—Lohmiller 29 FG
P—Sherman 21 run (Ruzek kick)
W—Sanders 62 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W—Lohmiller 41 FG
P—Williams 28 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek kick)
P—Ruzek 23 FG

Game Note: With two field goals against the Eagles, Chip Lohmiller had made nine straight and 16 of his last 18.



Raiders Edge Skins, 21-20

Washington gains playoff berth by winning tiebreaker over Green Bay



WEEK 16

WASHINGTON, December 26 — The Raiders chilled the warm holiday spirits when Vince Evans hit Tim Brown with a three-yard touchdown pass on fourth and goal to lift the Raiders past the Redskins 21-20. The loss left the Redskins 9-7 and with only one hope to make the playoffs.

Evans' 41-yard touchdown pass to Alexander Wright put the Raiders up 7-3 in the third quarter, but 15 seconds later Rypien countered with a 49 yard scoring strike to Art Monk. A 40-yard fumble recovery by Andre Collins set up another Lohmiller field goal and a 13-7 Redskins lead early in the fourth. But Evans, who replaced the injured Jay Schroeder in the second quarter, was on fire and led the Raiders on a 12-play, 67-yard drive that ended with Nick Bell's five-yard run and a 14-13 Raider lead.

A pair of big plays, a 47-yard kickoff return by Brian Mitchell and a 43-yard reception by Monk, got the Redskins to the LA one, and on the next play Ricky Ervins gave the Redskins a 20-14 lead with less than two minutes to go. But Evans proceeded to take his team 80 yards in the next 1:44, thanks largely to a 50-yard pass to Willie Gault.

Despite the loss, the Redskins knew the most important game of the weekend was still a day away. And after seeing the most favorable scenarios diminish drastically the past two weeks, Washington got a break on the last possible game. Minnesota beat Green Bay, leaving the Redskins and Packers with identical 9-7 records and tied for the final NFC playoff spot. However, the Redskins had a better record against common opponents, thus securing a playoff berth for the third straight year.

Los Angeles	0	0	7	14	— 21
Washington	0	3	7	10	— 20

W—Lohmiller 39 FG
LA—Wright 41 pass from Evans (Jaeger kick)
W—Monk 49 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)
W—Lohmiller 22 FG
LA—Bell 5 run (Jaeger kick)
W—Ervins 1 run (Lohmiller kick)
LA—Brown 3 pass from Evans (Jaeger kick)

Game Note: By securing playoff spot, the Redskins became one of two NFC teams to qualify for the playoffs three straight years.

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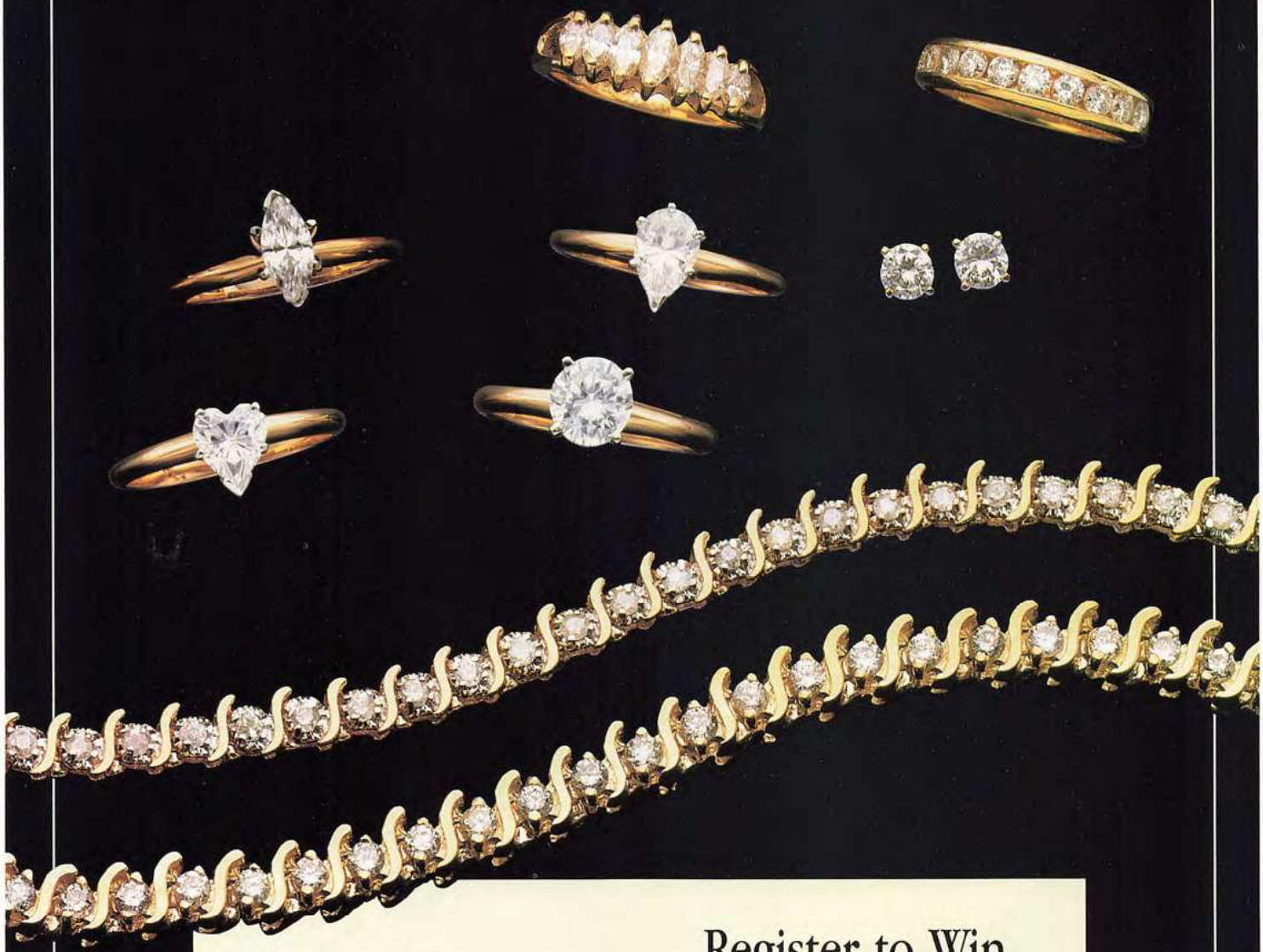

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Washington Manhandles Vikes

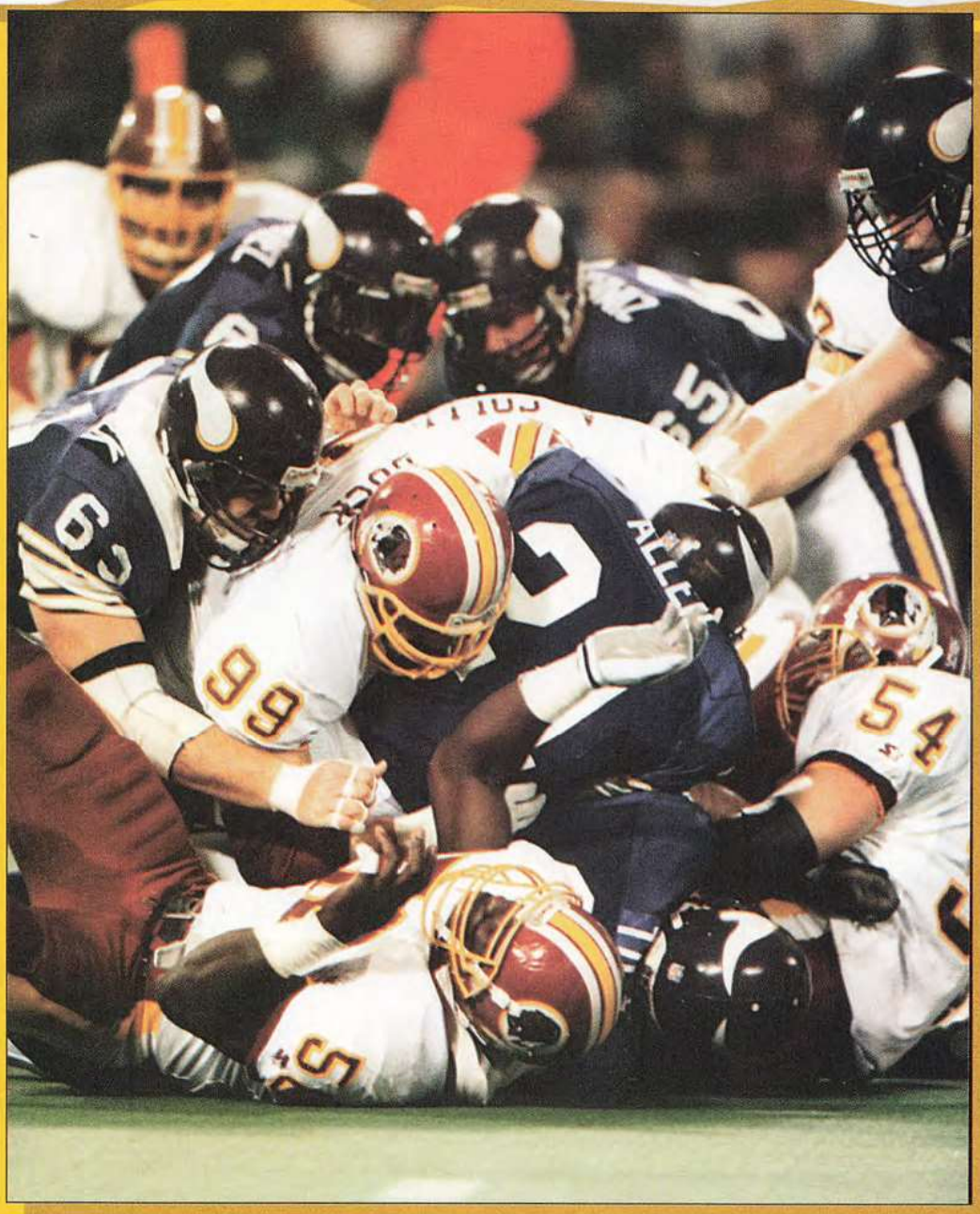
Mitchell, defense shine in 24-7 playoff victory

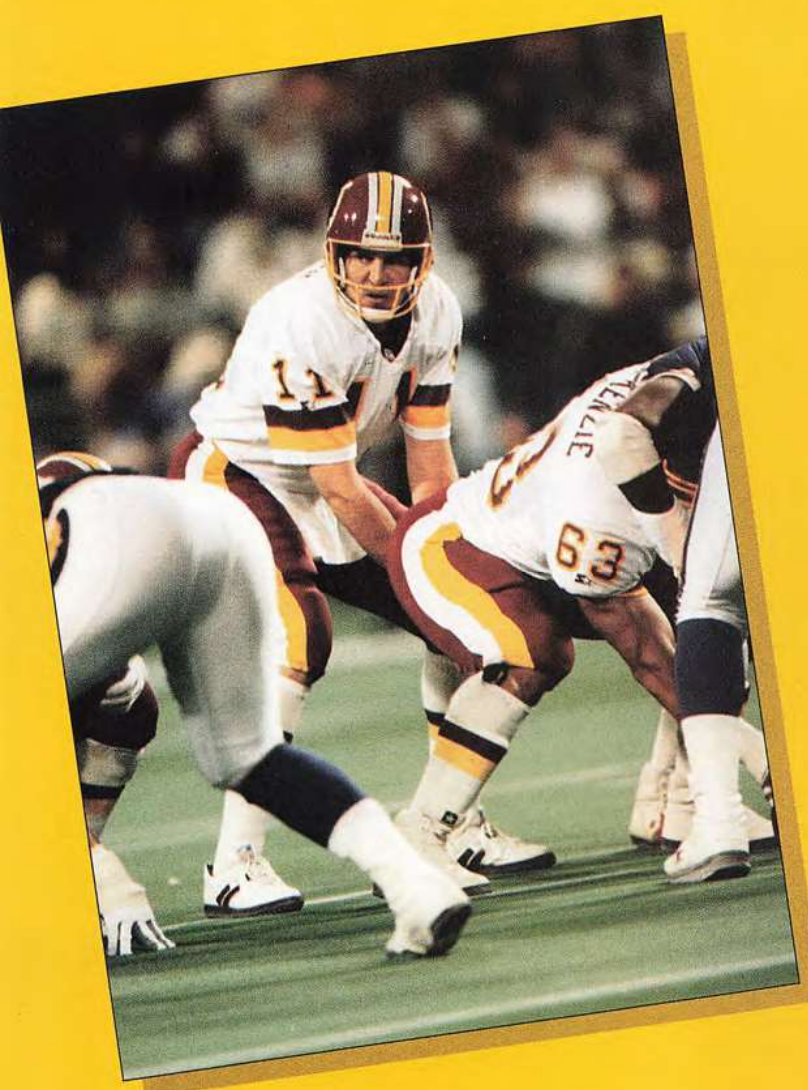
WILD CARD GAME

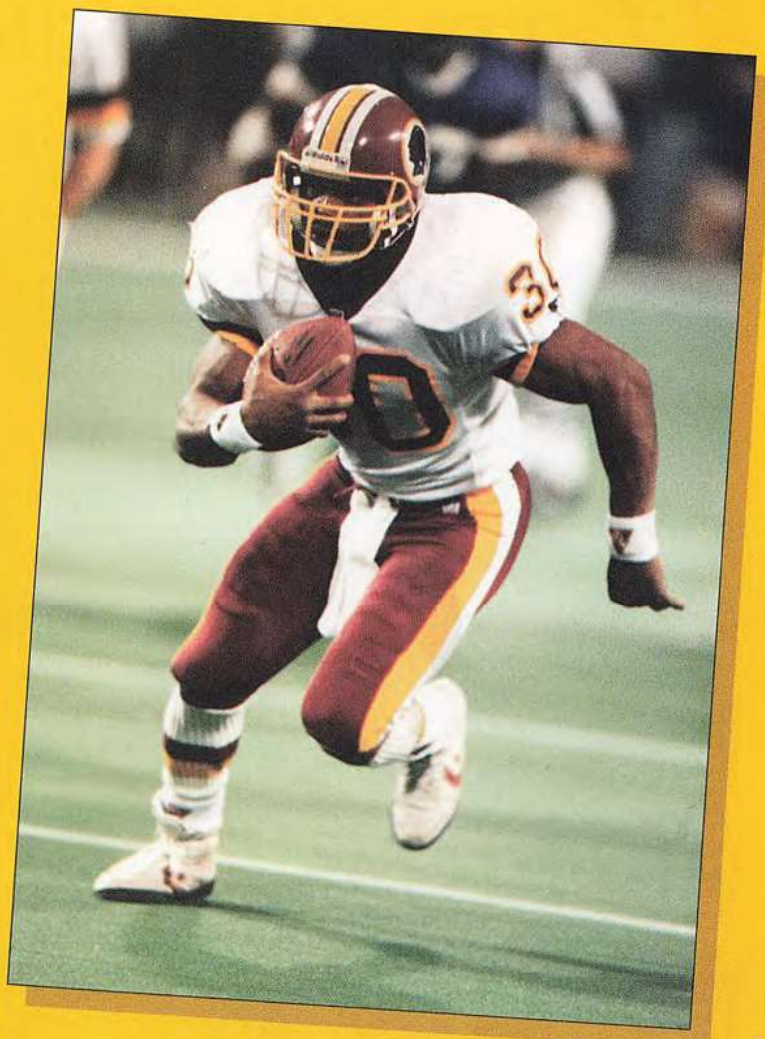
MINNEAPOLIS, January 2 — Minnesota may have given Washington an assist into the playoffs, but the Redskins were not in a benevolent mood when they traveled to Minneapolis for a Wild Card playoff game January 2. The Vikings wanted to begin the new year with some payback, since Washington's 15-13 victory three months earlier was still in the Minnesotans' minds. Once again, a banged-up defensive unit physically dominated for Washington while the offense got a stunning impromptu performance from Brian Mitchell in a one-sided 24-7 victory.

The Vikings got 79 yards and seven points on their first drive, and then settled for 69 yards and no points the rest of the day. The Redskins had three sacks from Fred Stokes and interceptions from Martin Mayhew and Brad Edwards as Minnesota gained 148 total yards for the day and had the ball for just 4:38 in the second half.

Mitchell completed the day with 209







all-purpose yards and struck from every direction. He finished with 109 yards rushing and one touchdown on 16 carries and was a force on special teams as well, with a 54-yard punt return and a 38-yard run on a fake punt. He led the offense to a season-high 196 rushing yards and and NFL season-high 42:43 time of possession. The running game helped set the stage for additional heroics from Rypien, who completed 16 of 24 passes.

Playing his first game in six weeks, Mayhew set up the Redskins first points, a 44-yard Chip Lohmiller field goal, with an interception and 44-yard return. Soon after Edwards picked off Sean Salisbury to set up Earnest Byner's three-yard touchdown run. Mitchell's 38-yard fake punt and eight-yard touchdown run the next series made it 17-7 Redskins at the half.

Mitchell and Byner continued to eat the clock in the second half, and Rypien was sharp when he had to be. He engineered a 71-yard scoring drive in the second half that ended with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Clark.

Given the circumstances, the win was as impressive as any in franchise history, but there was little time to celebrate. Next in line was the San Francisco 49ers, who posted the league's best record in 1992 and had two weeks of rest and preparation.

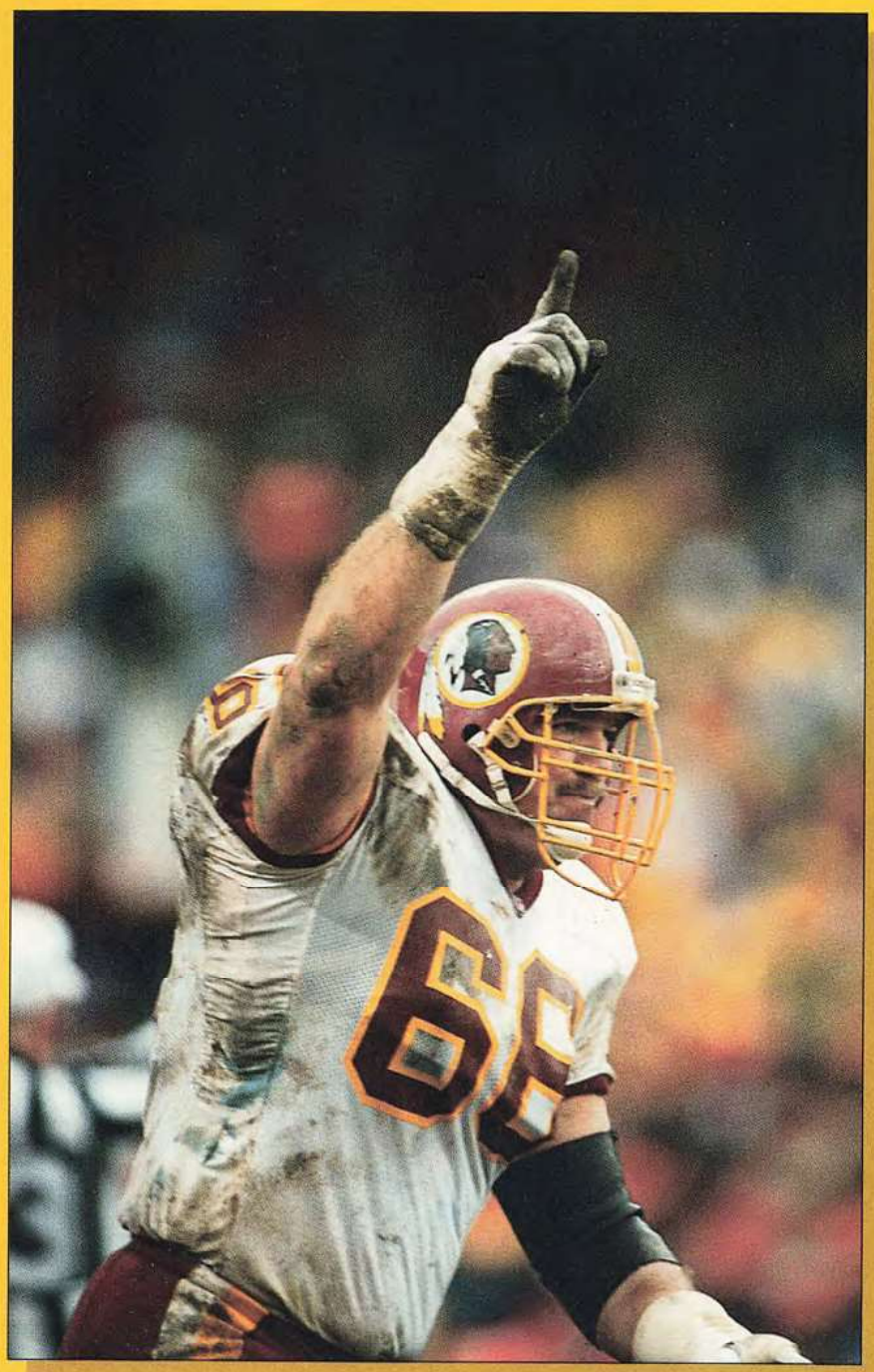
Washington	3	14	7	0	—	24
Minnesota	7	0	0	0	—	7

M—Allen 1 run (Reveiz kick)
W—Lohmiller 44 FG
W—Byner 3 run (Lohmiller kick)
W—Mitchell 8 run (Lohmiller kick)
W—Clark 24 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)

Game Note: The win improved the Redskins posteason record under Joe Gibbs to 16-4.

Turnovers Haunt Skins

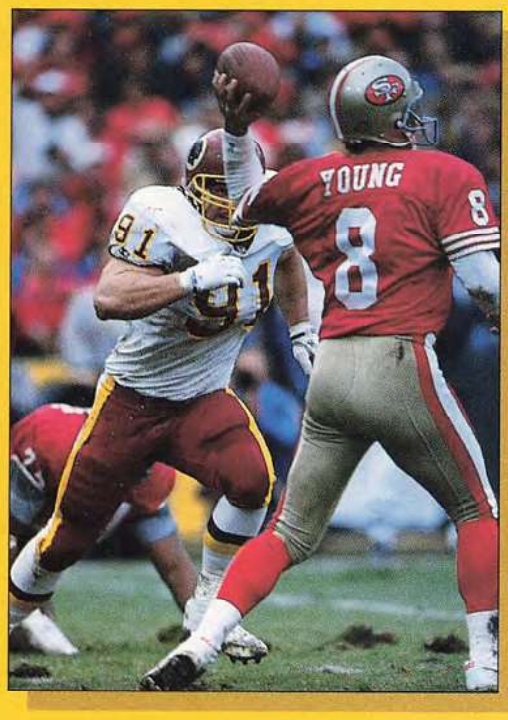
Season ends in San Francisco sludgefest, 20-13



DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

SAN FRANCISCO, January 9 — The Redskins had spent four months adjusting, realigning, and maneuvering into a Divisional playoff berth, and the reward was playing on the road against a 49er team with the best record in the league. A valiant second-half effort wasn't quite enough as the Redskins fell just short of the prize and ended the season with a 20-13 defeat in an all-too-familiar scenario.

The first half belonged to the 49ers, as Steve Young threw for two touchdowns and led San Francisco to a 17-3 halftime advantage. However, 49er mistakes caused the momentum to shift following intermission. The Redskins converted a pair of fumbles into 10 straight points and trailed 17-13 when they got the ball back with 12:58 to go. Three completions by Mark Rypien and two runs by Earnest Byner made it first and ten at the San Francisco 23. A draw to Brian Mitchell was the call, and the



concensus among players and coaches was that the play would have worked to perfection. Now, there is only speculation due to a faulty exchange on the handoff. Linebacker Mike Walter recovered and Washington's best chance at an upset was thwarted.

In a game marred by sloppy field conditions and turnovers, each team surrendered the ball four times and gave up key points as a result. Young's first of three fumbles set up Washington's first field goal, a 19-yarder that made it 7-3. An interception by AJ Johnson in the second quarter looked to ensure no worse than a 10-3 halftime deficit, but a fumble gave the 49ers the ball with enough time for Young to hit Brent Jones with a 16-yard scoring pass. Jones even fumbled on that play at the three, but the ball bounced perfectly into his arms as he fell over the goal line.

Mistakes and missed chances overshadowed the comeback and the defense, which held the top offense in the league to an inconsequential field goal in the second half.

Washington	3	0	3	7	—	13
San Francisco	7	10	0	3	—	20

SF — Taylor 5 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
W—Lohmiller 19 FG
SF—Cofer 23 FG
SF—Jones 16 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
W—Lohmiller 32 FG
W—Rypien 1 run (Lohmiller kick)
SF—Cofer 33 FG

Game Note: The Redskins were the only NFL team to reach the Divisional playoffs three straight years from 1990-92 and win a Super Bowl.

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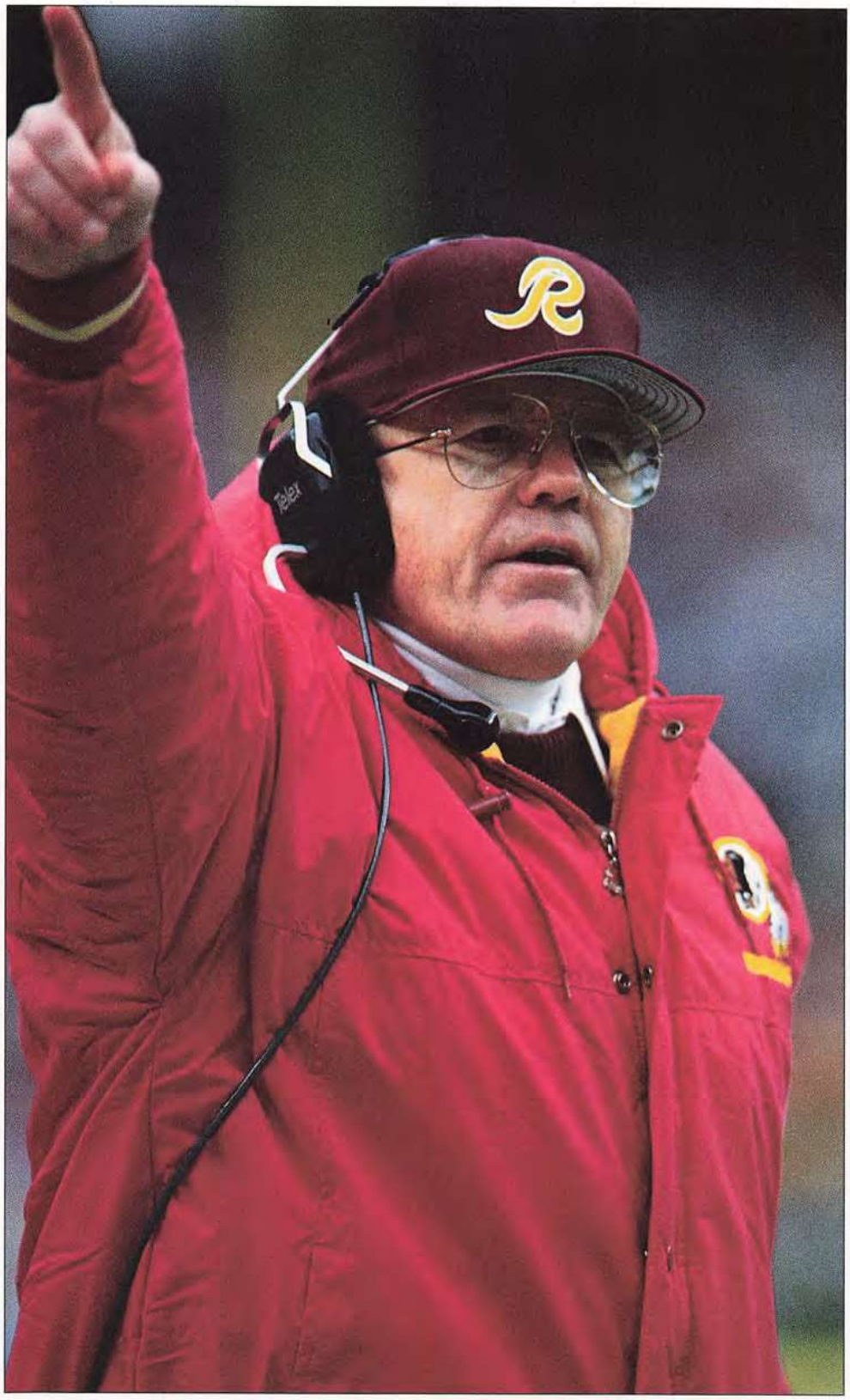

No one knew that when the season ended at Candlestick Park, that the most successful coaching era in the history of the Washington Redskins also came to a close.

Not even Joe Gibbs himself knew that he had just coached his last game with the Redskins. He did know that his 12th season in Washington had been one of the most draining he had ever endured. Defending the Super Bowl championship with an injury-impaired lineup was made even more arduous by a mysterious ailment that had been depriving him of precious energy during the season's final month.

A battery of tests determined it was nothing serious; that rest and exercise would have him good as new. But during treatment Gibbs realized that the pace stemming from his relentless competitive nature had stolen more than its share of irreplaceable moments with his family.

He wanted to spend more than the usual five months preparing for another season, and also desired quality time with his wife, Pat, and sons JD and Coy.

"I think there's a window of opportunity now with my family," Gibbs said during a March 5 news conference announcing his decision. "I stopped and backed up and started thinking I've got two boys that I'd like to spend more time with. The same thing with Pat. There are some things we've put off for a long time."

A Surprise

The reaction throughout Redskin Park and the Washington, D.C., area ranged from shock to disbelief. No one - not players, assistant coaches, not even Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke saw it coming. None ever imagined Gibbs would walk away from the job he loved so much.

"This day is one that I thought would never come in my lifetime, and I mean that literally," Cooke said. "But

Gibbs (shown here with defensive end Charles Mann), coached the Redskins to three Super Bowl victories.

you must know, and I want this to be clearly understood, that I not only understand his reasons for retiring, but I sympathize with him, and I completely agree that it is the right course to take for him, for his lovely wife Pat and for his sons, his two boys."

Although unsure of his future plans, Gibbs' past shows a legacy that deserves mention with the game's greatest coaches. He finished coaching with a career record of 140-65, a winning percentage of nearly 70 percent. He brought Washington it's first Super Bowl championship in 1982, in only his second year as head coach, and went on to win others in 1987 and 1991.

Under Gibbs the Redskins were known for getting stronger as the season progressed, the time when most teams were wearing down, and playing their best football in the playoffs. The Redskins were a cumulative 16-5 in the postseason under Gibbs, a record bettered only by Vince Lombardi's 9-1.

Huge offensive linemen and power running to set up the pass were trademarks that made the Redskins' offense one of the NFL's most potent. The 1983 Redskins scored an NFL record 541 points, and the 1991 Super Bowl winner scored 485, the fourth highest mark ever.

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Yet Gibbs' true mastery was best divulged in his gameday decisions, knowing just when to deviate from the norm and try something that would leave even the best defenses virtually defenseless. Only Gibbs won three Super Bowls with three different quarterbacks—Joe Theismann, Doug Williams and Mark Rypien.

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Such resiliency stemmed from the tutelage of a man who made the "allnighter" a weekly ritual while devising gameplans. No one ever outworked Joe Gibbs, who took pleasure in spending countless hours finding new ways to win.

"What you respect about him the most is he's such a hard worker," Don Warren said. "You know he's up in that office until all hours and that he's putting everything he has into it. He's not asking you to do anything he doesn't do himself. "

Despite a sustained excellence that few others can claim,

Gibbs at his farewell press conference.

JOE GIBBS CAREER RECORD

	Regular Season				Playoffs			Overall			
Year	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	T	Pct
1981	8	8	0	.500	0	0	.000	8	8	0	.500
1982	8	1	0	.889	4	0	1.000	12	1	0	.923
1983	14	2	0	.875	2	1	.667	16	3	0	.842
1984	11	5	0	.688	0	1	.000	11	6	0	.647
1985	10	6	0	.625	0	0	.000	10	6	0	.625
1986	12	4	0	.750	2	1	.667	14	5	0	.737
1987	11	4	0	.733	3	0	1.000	14	4	0	.778
1988	7	9	0	.438	0	0	1.000	7	9	0	.438
1989	10	6	0	.625	0	0	.000	10	6	0	.625
1990	10	6	0	.625	1	1	.500	11	7	0	.611
1991	14	2	0	.875	3	0	1.000	17	2	0	.895
1992	9	7	0	.563	1	1	.500	10	8	0	.556
Totals	**124**	**60**	**0**	**.674**	**16**	**5**	**.762**	**140**	**65**	**0**	**.683**

Gibbs steadfastly refused to take credit for the accomplishments of the organization. He was quick to praise Mr. Cooke, his assistants, his players and Redskins fans, but never claimed that his guidance was the vital ingredient to the most prosperous dozen years Washington football has ever seen.

However, Gibbs was always the first to accept responsibility during difficult times. Several times in 1992, the climate was conducive to lethargy. But the burning desire, the willingness to fight on, never waned.

Loved Competition

Gibbs often said he simply loved competition. He loved immersing himself in whatever challenge intrigued him. Once he decided to take up racquetball, and a few years later won a national championship in his age group. An auto racing enthusiast, he became the owner of a NASCAR team in 1991. A year later his driver won the Daytona 500.

Full blast, as he liked to say, was the only way to approach any project. Such a viewpoint, when applied to professional football, resulted in long hours for Gibbs. He never knew a comfort zone and never felt he had an edge.

"He had an intensity of purpose, a burning, unquenchable fire, almost an obsession to succeed," recalled Mr. Cooke about his decision to hire Gibbs in 1981.

Like the coach who knew his teams so well, Gibbs the man became aware of his limits soon after the 1992 season. Gibbs will now focus on his family and continuing his work with Youth For Tomorrow and the racing team.

He's not sure how he'll react to being called "Joe" and not "Coach" for the first time in 27 years, but he knows he'll have plenty of time to "sit in the stands and just be a dad" while watching Coy, a junior linebacker at Stanford. J. D. works for the racing team and the two, along with Pat, will together be in hot pursuit of the Winston Cup. He'll also catch up with friends and family that gave him the support he needed to chase Super Bowls with such vigor.

"He has been a friend, a confidant, an aide of incomparable professional talent and wisdom," Cooke said. "He has simply been the best head coach in the history of the Redskins."

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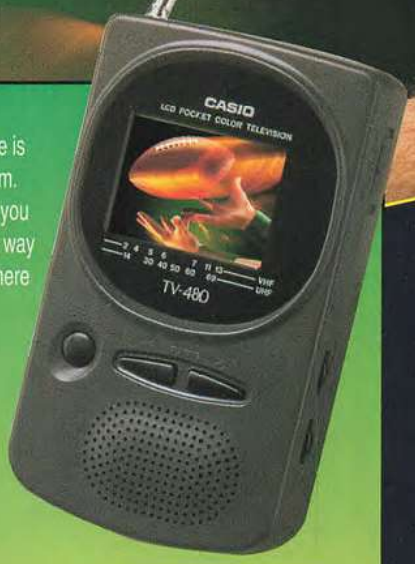

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MONK'S MEMORABLE MOMENT

The Redskins were leading 34-3 as the RFK Stadium clock approached midnight. It was Monday night, and a number of fans who had to rise early had already passed through the exits.

The extra sleep couldn't have been worth it.

Those who tried to beat the traffic or switched the television off forfeited the privilege of watching Art Monk become the most prolific pass receiver in the history of professional football.

The long countdown to the record, which began on a Monday night at RFK when Jimmy Carter was president, had been nearing its end for several weeks. Trailing by 31 points, the Broncos—even with John Elway—were finished for the night. The Redskins decided to take care of another impending matter.

First the catch (facing page), then the exultation (above).

Monk was still three catches short of the mark when Denver got the ball back with 7:32 to play, so it looked as if Steve Largent's record of 819 career receptions was safe for at least another week. But Sidney Johnson's interception gave Washington the ball with 4:21 to play.

On first down, Monk burst off the line and turned between two defenders for a six-yard gain. On second down, Monk lined up left and twisted away from a Bronco defender for 18 yards. After Mark Rypien called the play on third down, tight end Ron Middleton said "This is it." The ball was snapped, Monk fittingly ran a "Dodge" route to the right side and snared his record-breaking catch.

Forced out of bounds after a 10-yard gain, Monk, after weeks of appearing oblivious to the event, pumped his fist in the air and finally seemed to realize the magnitude of what he had done. For him, that one fist would have been enough. However, his teammates and the jubilant crowd were not about to let him off so easy.

A Worthy Celebration

The stadium erupted appropriately, and the Redskins sideline emptied as players ran across the field to congratulate their quiet leader, who had just caught his 820th career pass. The celebration lasted several minutes, everyone waiting to slap the back of a player whose dedication and discipline were legendary in the Redskins locker room.

He was hoisted onto some mighty shoulders and carried for several yards. Only then did Monk lose his usual stoic expression as a smile exploded across his face. After the game, one of the most taciturn superstars of all time was forced to pay the price of greatness by facing the throngs of media that awaited him in the locker room.

"It's a big burden off my shoulders," Monk said. "I was very excited before the game, very nervous during the game, and I'm glad it's over. It was important for me to do it in front of the Washington fans because they've been so supportive over the years."

A record obtained through reliable production and longevity is fitting for Monk, who prides himself on being the most prepared player on the field every Sunday. His trademark "Dodge" route is a short, efficient movement that rarely causes immediate damage.

In addition to the 847 career catches he finished the season with, Monk also has 11,627 receiving yards, which is fifth all-time. His streak of 148 consecutive games with a reception is third all-time and only two behind Ozzie Newsome for second place. Until Sterling Sharpe of Green Bay caught 108 passes last season, Monk held the NFL record for receptions in a season, with 106 in 1984.

Monk holds Redskins marks for receptions in a game (13), season (106) and career (847). He also has the most career combined yardage (rushing, receiving, returns) with 11,848. His 189 games as a Redskin rank fourth all-time and are 14 behind all-time leader Dave Butz's 203.

Not bad for someone who never thought he would make it in pro football. While growing up in White Plains, NY, Monk's parents taught him the virtues of perseverance, hard work and patience. This, along with a refusal to settle into a comfort zone, has made Monk one of the most driven offseason workers in professional sports. Other players, some much younger, have tried to train with him and given up.

"I don't take anything for granted," Monk said. "If I need one catch to be the all-time anything, I still need one catch. "

Even as a reluctant superstar, Monk has given back to the Washington community that voted him the greatest player in Redskins history during the team's 50th anniversary celebration in 1986.

He runs a successful football camp every summer, and does work with several children's groups around Washington. Monk was recognized as a Washingtonian of the Year in 1992.

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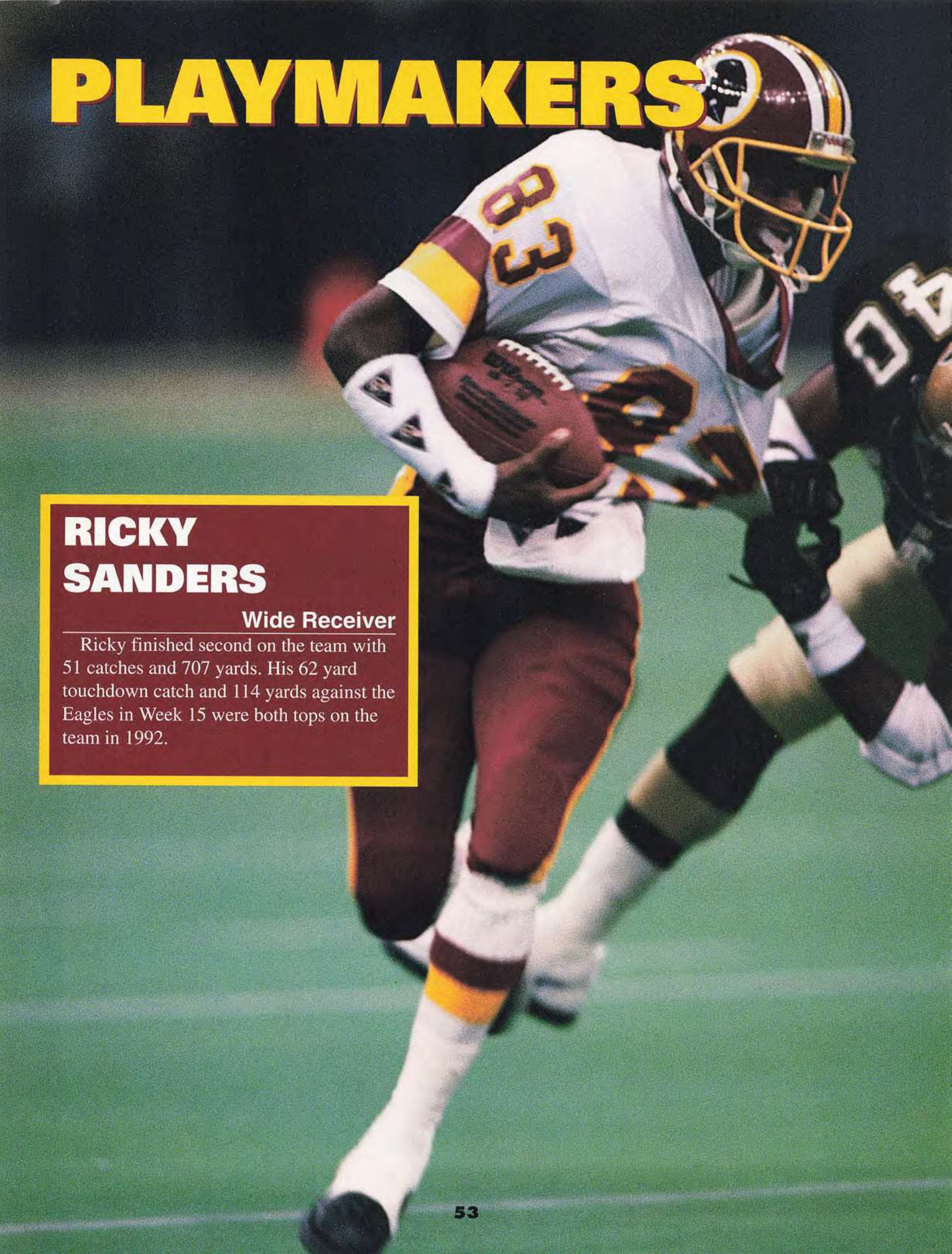

RICKY SANDERS

Wide Receiver

Ricky finished second on the team with 51 catches and 707 yards. His 62 yard touchdown catch and 114 yards against the Eagles in Week 15 were both tops on the team in 1992.

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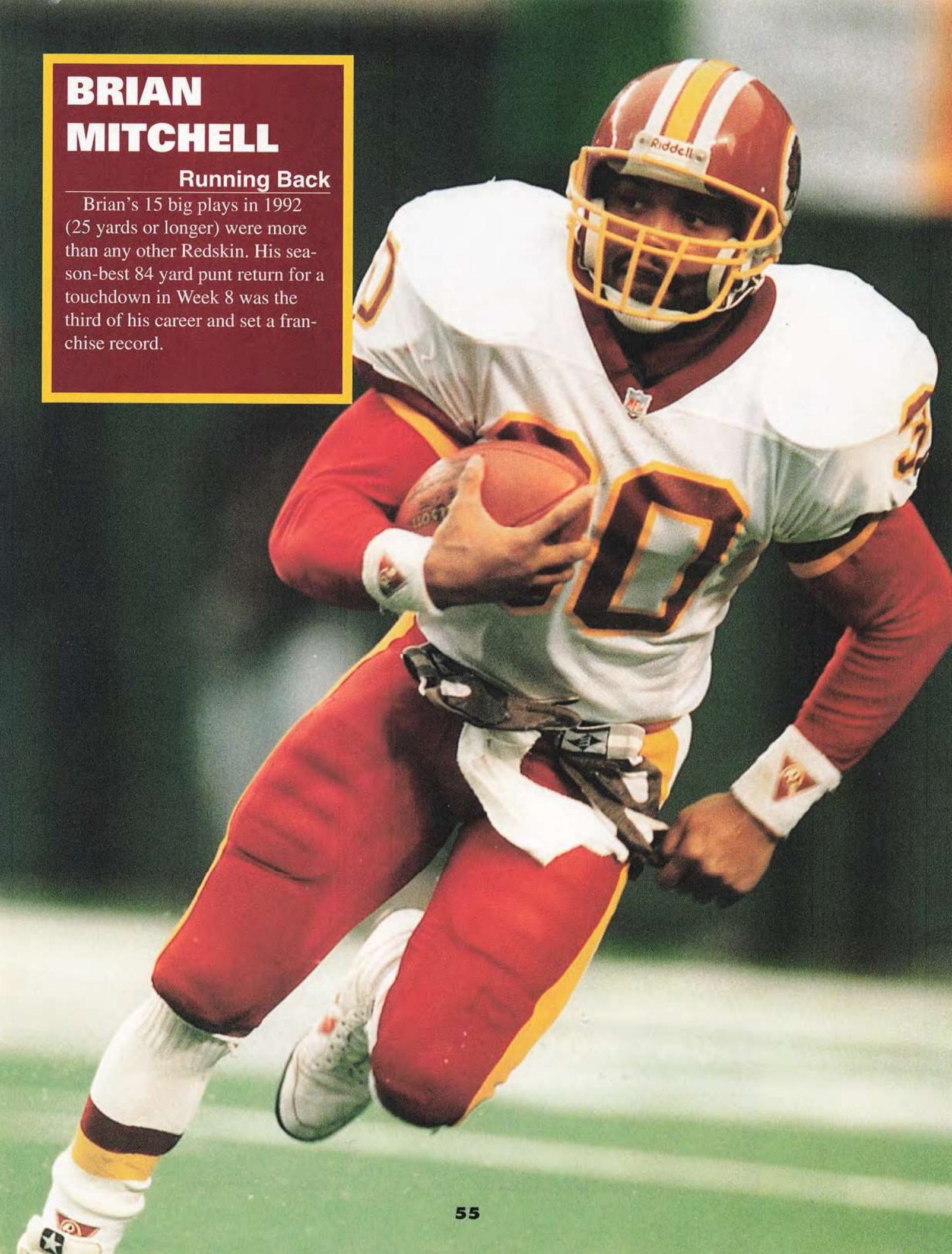
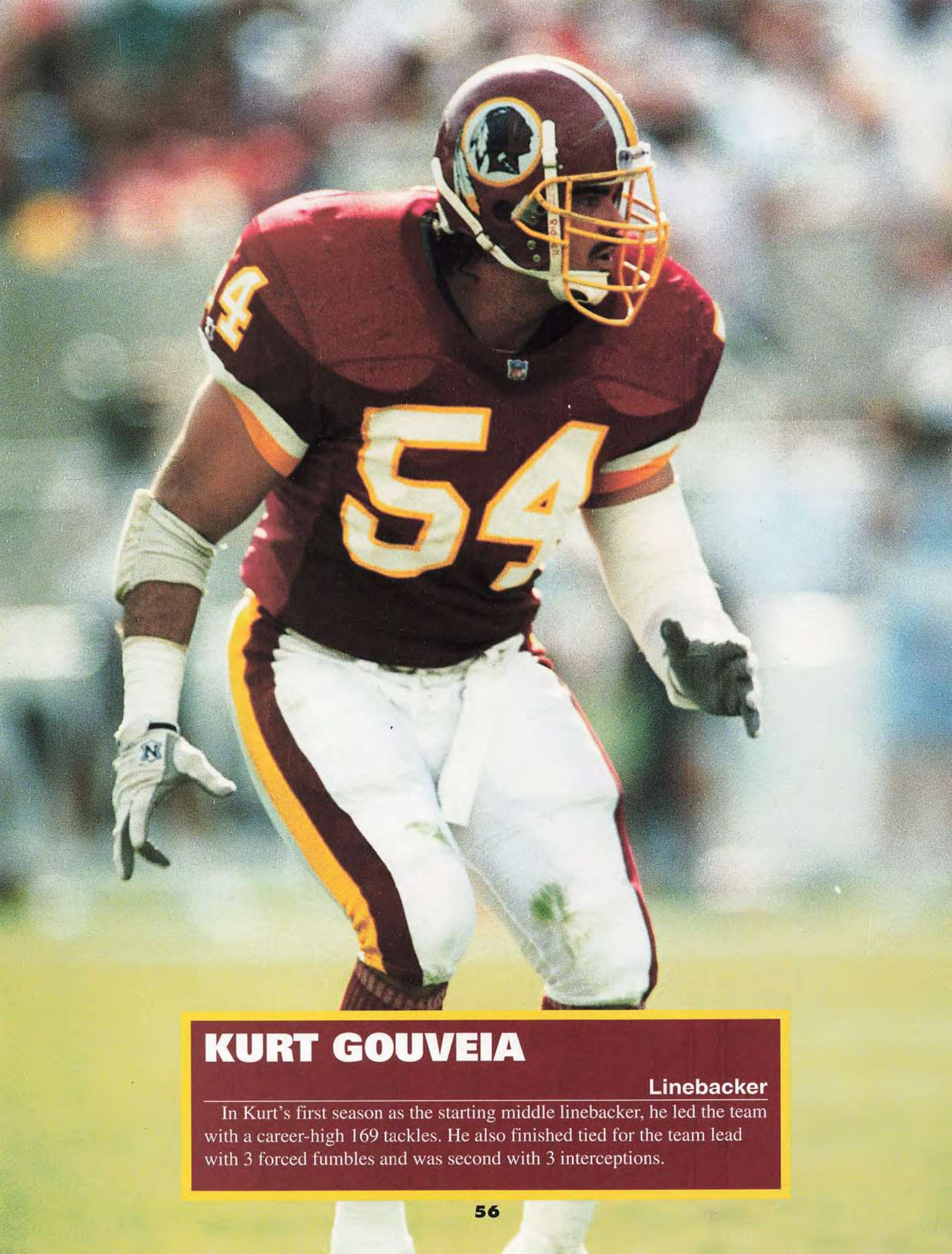
BRIAN MITCHELL

Running Back

Brian's 15 big plays in 1992 (25 yards or longer) were more than any other Redskin. His season-best 84 yard punt return for a touchdown in Week 8 was the third of his career and set a franchise record.





KURT GOUVEIA

Linebacker

In Kurt's first season as the starting middle linebacker, he led the team with a career-high 169 tackles. He also finished tied for the team lead with 3 forced fumbles and was second with 3 interceptions.

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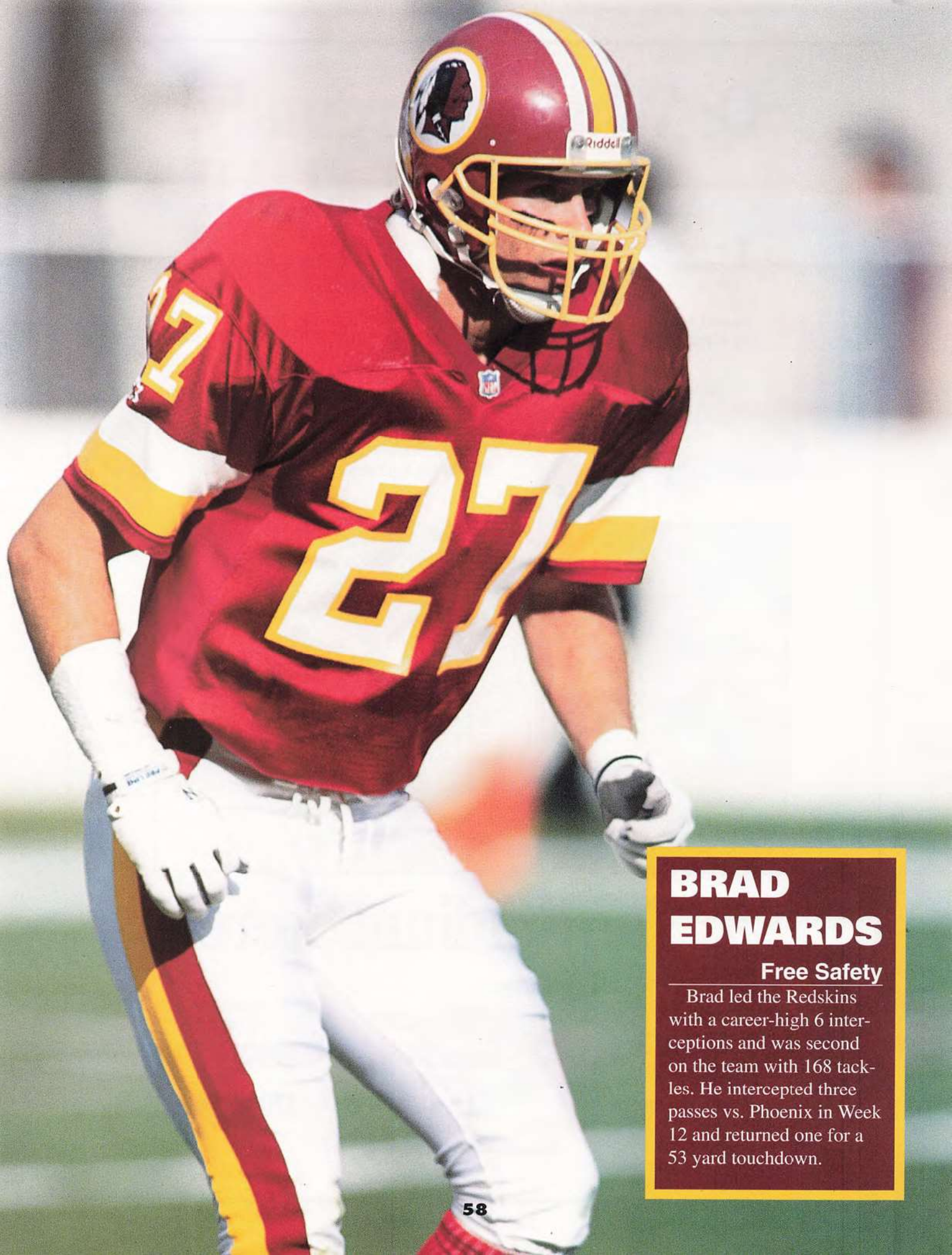
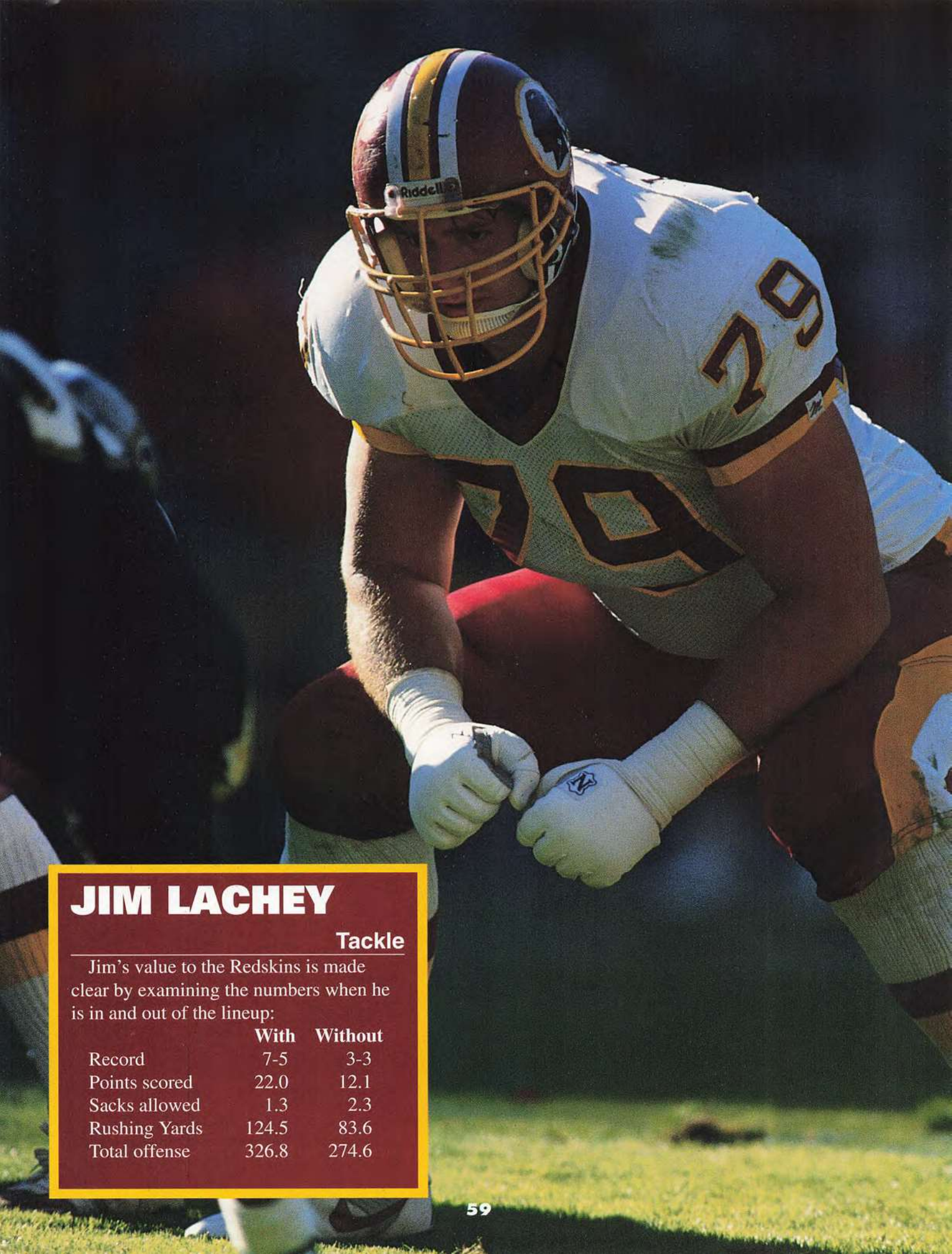


BRAD EDWARDS

Free Safety

Brad led the Redskins with a career-high 6 interceptions and was second on the team with 168 tackles. He intercepted three passes vs. Phoenix in Week 12 and returned one for a 53 yard touchdown.



JIM LACHEY

Tackle

Jim's value to the Redskins is made clear by examining the numbers when he is in and out of the lineup:

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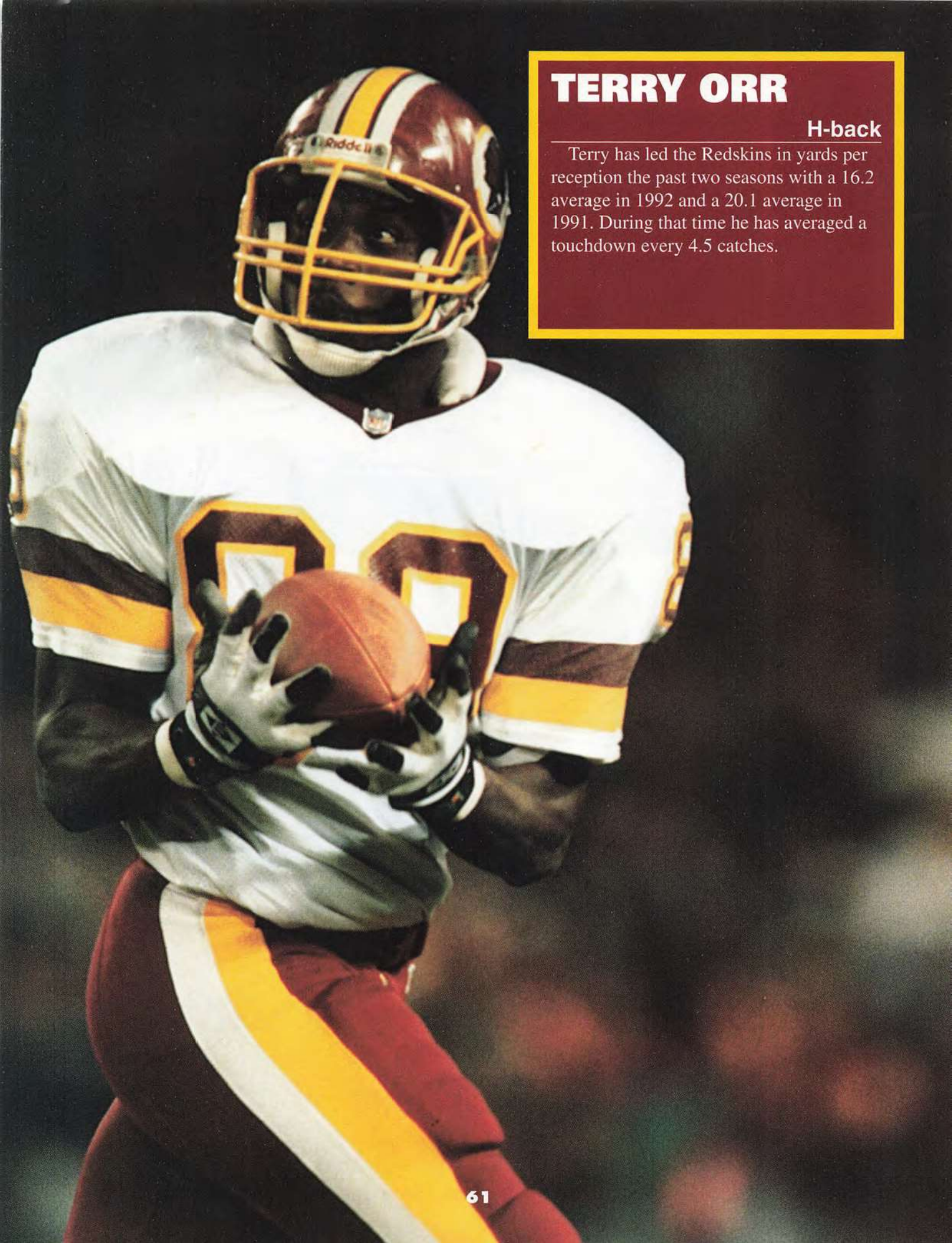
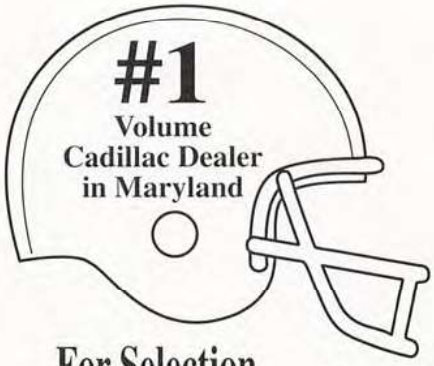


TERRY ORR

H-back

Terry has led the Redskins in yards per reception the past two seasons with a 16.2 average in 1992 and a 20.1 average in 1991. During that time he has averaged a touchdown every 4.5 catches.



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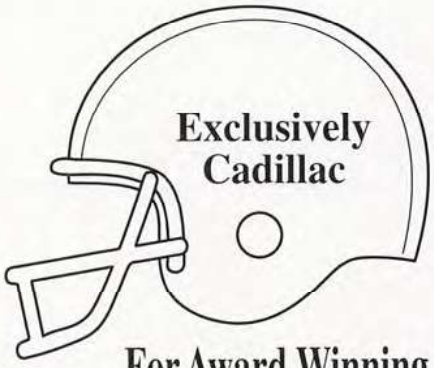

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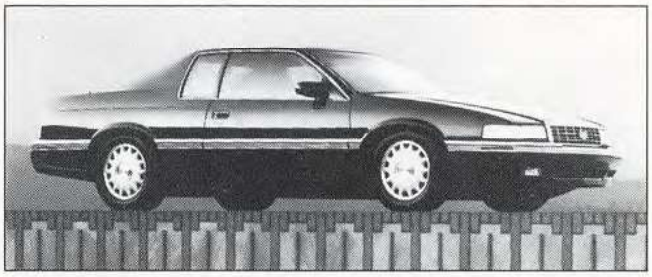

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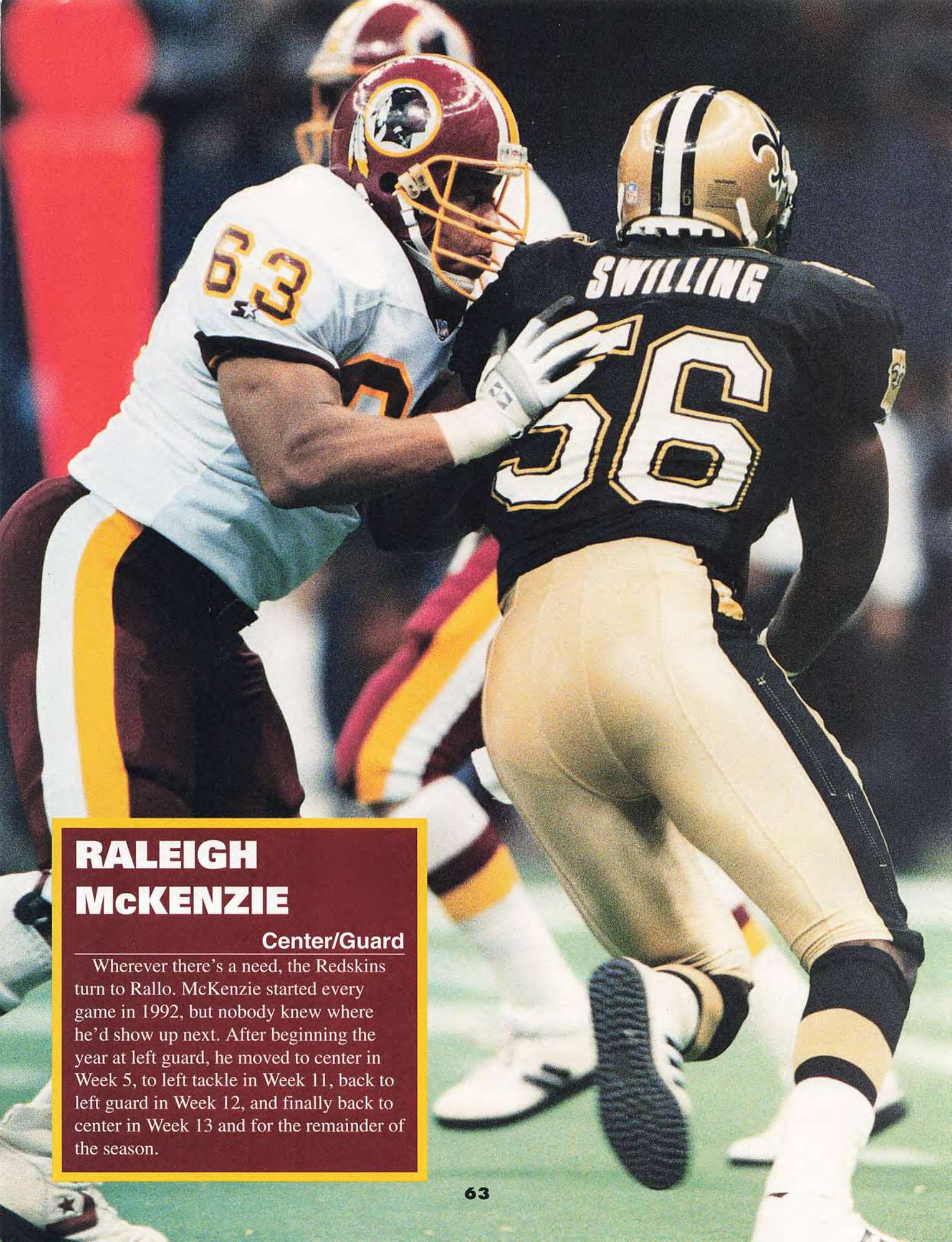

RALEIGH McKENZIE

Center/Guard

Wherever there's a need, the Redskins turn to Rallo. McKenzie started every game in 1992, but nobody knew where he'd show up next. After beginning the year at left guard, he moved to center in Week 5, to left tackle in Week 11, back to left guard in Week 12, and finally back to center in Week 13 and for the remainder of the season.

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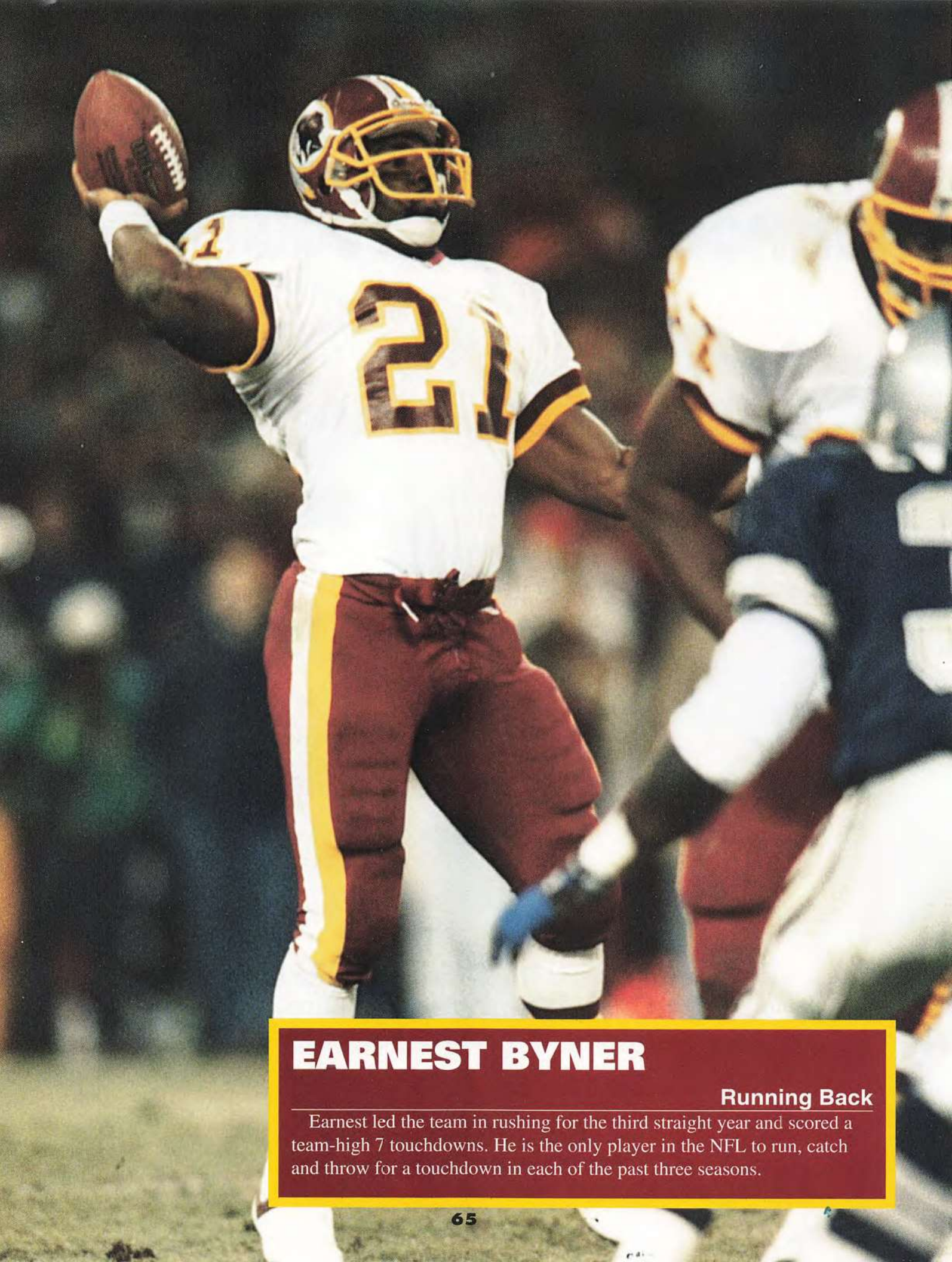

EARNEST BYNER

Running Back

Earnest led the team in rushing for the third straight year and scored a team-high 7 touchdowns. He is the only player in the NFL to run, catch and throw for a touchdown in each of the past three seasons.

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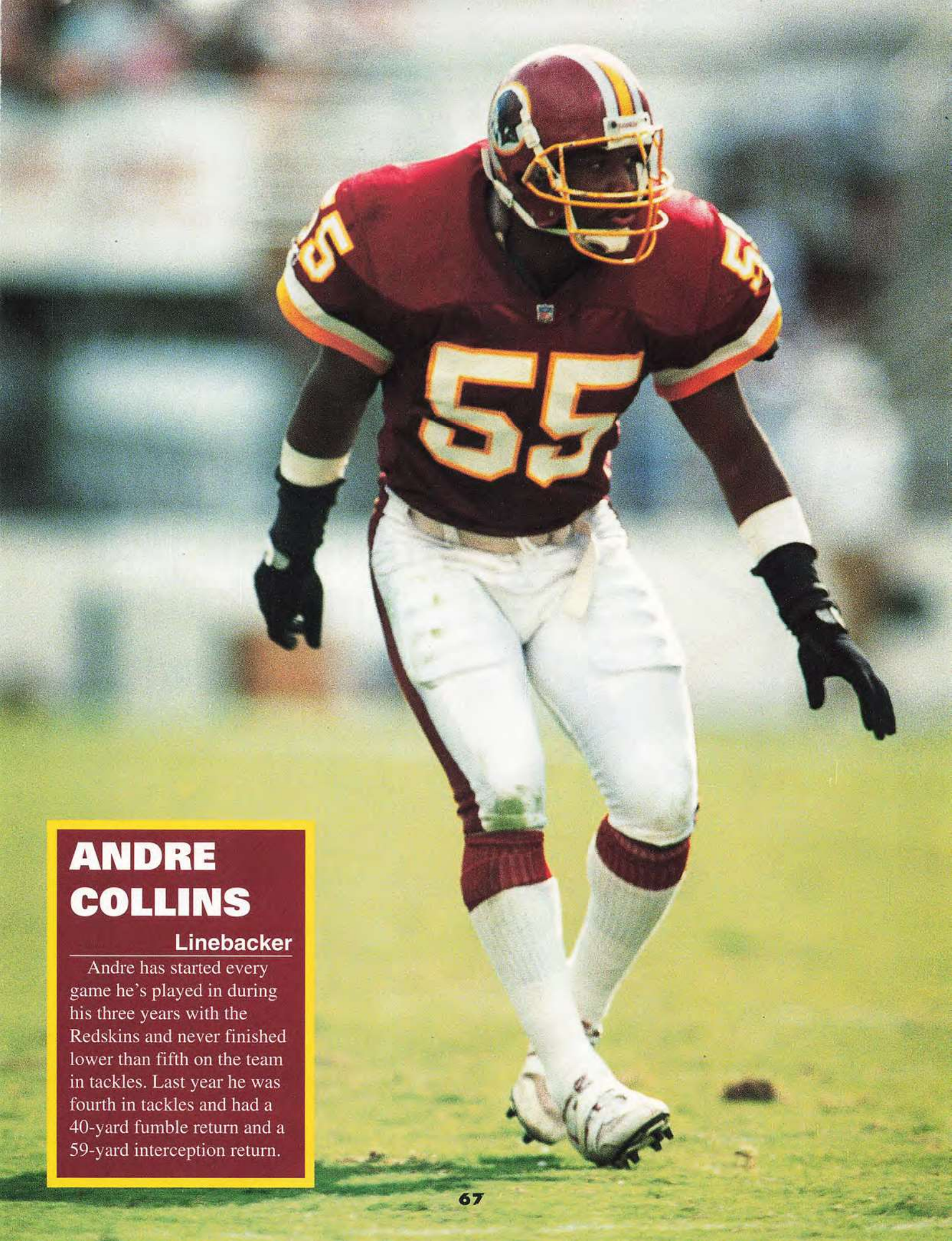
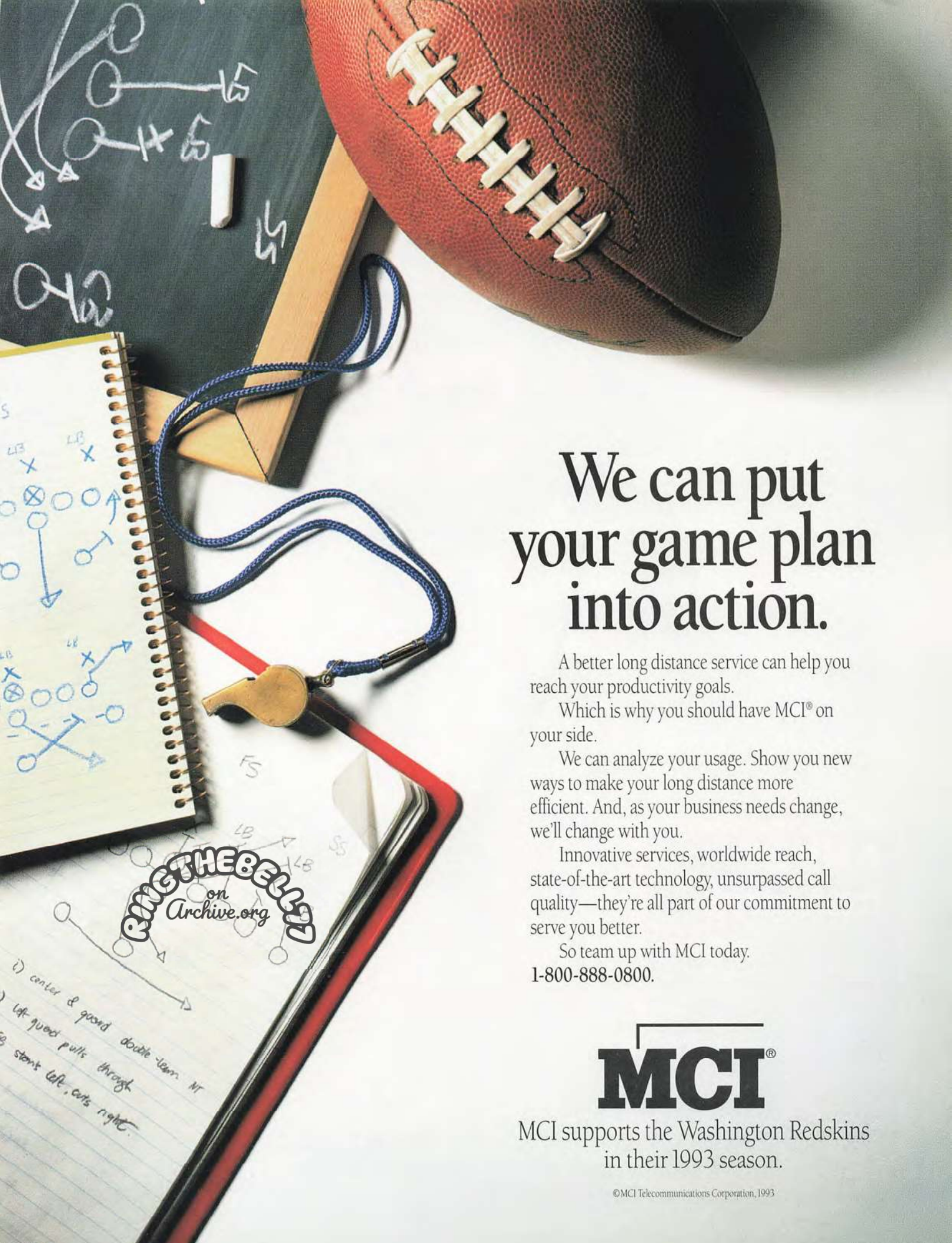


ANDRE COLLINS

Linebacker

Andre has started every game he's played in during his three years with the Redskins and never finished lower than fifth on the team in tackles. Last year he was fourth in tackles and had a 40-yard fumble return and a 59-yard interception return.



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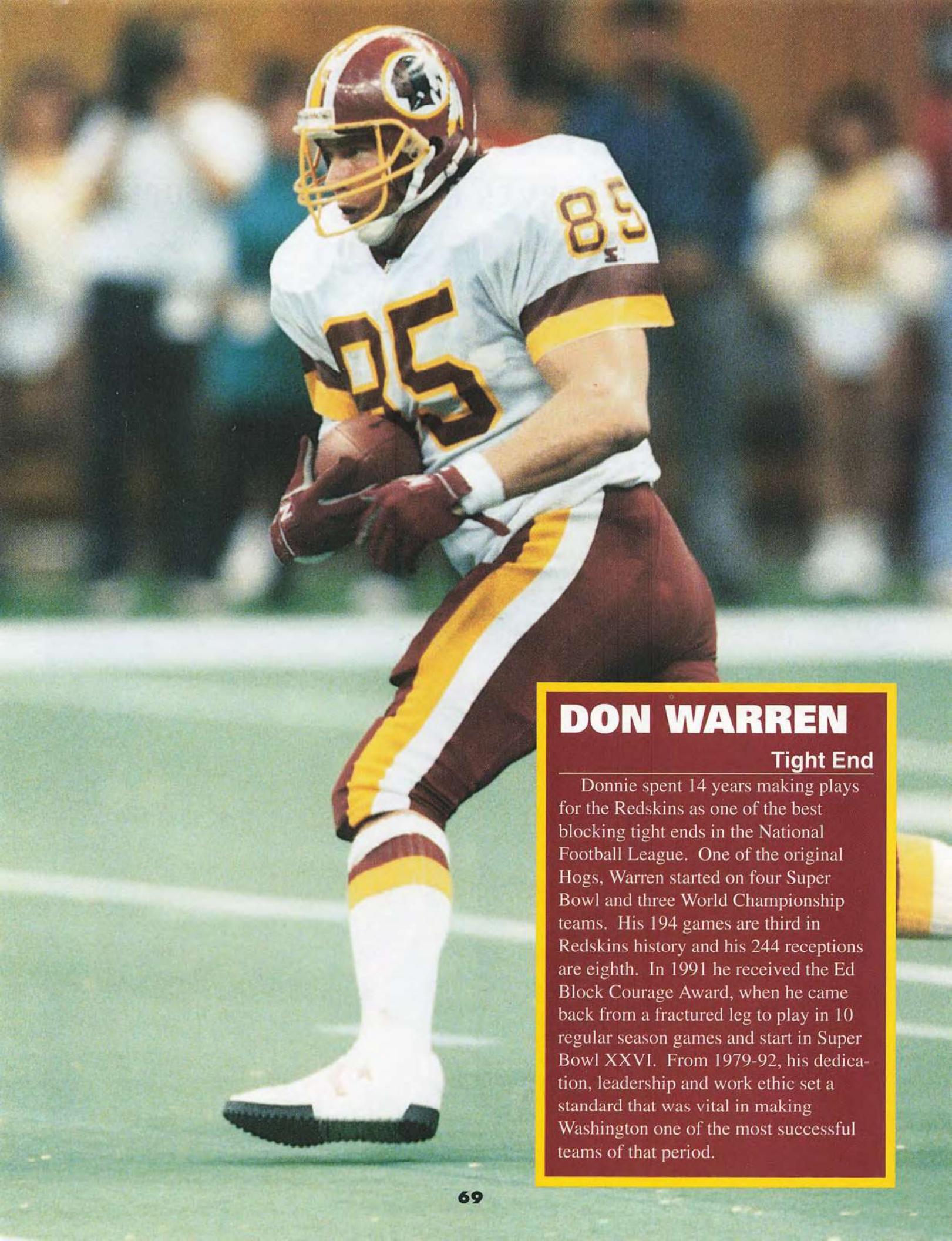

DON WARREN

Tight End

Donnie spent 14 years making plays for the Redskins as one of the best blocking tight ends in the National Football League. One of the original Hogs, Warren started on four Super Bowl and three World Championship teams. His 194 games are third in Redskins history and his 244 receptions are eighth. In 1991 he received the Ed Block Courage Award, when he came back from a fractured leg to play in 10 regular season games and start in Super Bowl XXVI. From 1979-92, his dedication, leadership and work ethic set a standard that was vital in making Washington one of the most successful teams of that period.

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REDSKINS RESERVES FIND A WAY TO DELIVER

As usual, participation in the offseason conditioning program was great. There was good work in training camp, and the Redskins seemed ready to defend the Super Bowl title even after a busy preseason travel schedule.

However, injuries soon began appearing like mud on a hog's belly, and Bubba Tyer, the Redskins trainer for 23 years, had never seen anything like it.

"We had more starters hurt, more guys playing in pain than I can ever remember," Tyer said. "Our guys showed a lot of courage and we played with a lot of determination, but I wasn't sad to see the season end."

If there's a positive side to losing starters to injuries, it's that coaches find just how deep the three-deep roster really is, and more than a few Redskins proved to be pleasant surprises in 1992.

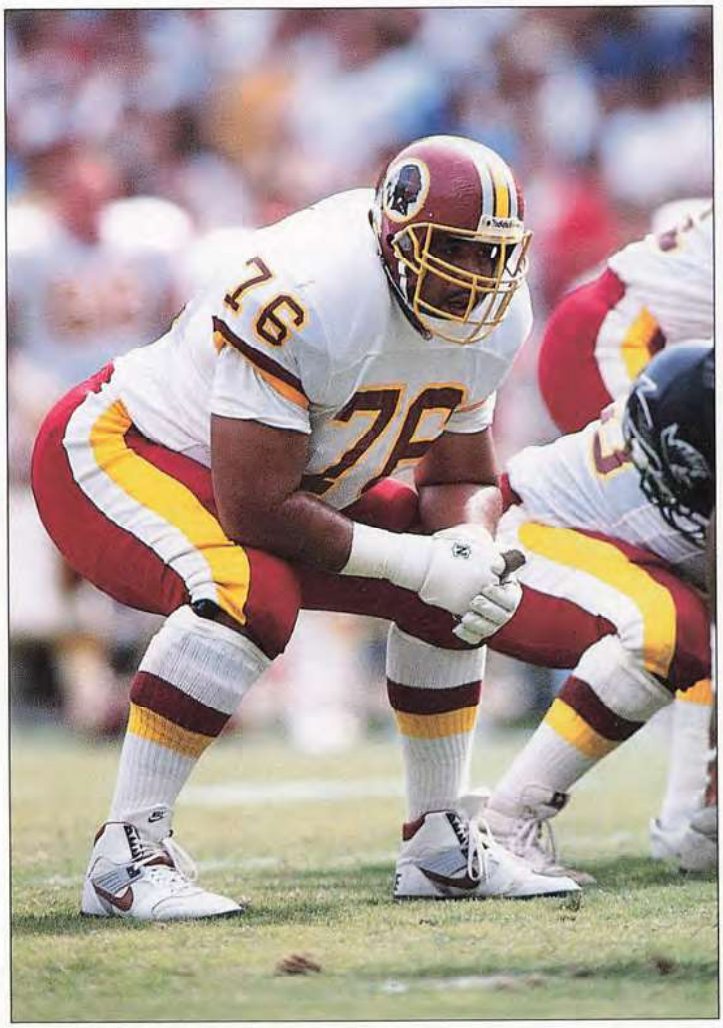
No area suffered more than the offensive line, which used eight starting combinations. Center Jeff Bostic's season ended after four games, Jim Lachey missed six games and Joe Jacoby, penciled in as the starting right tackle, missed three games and started only nine.

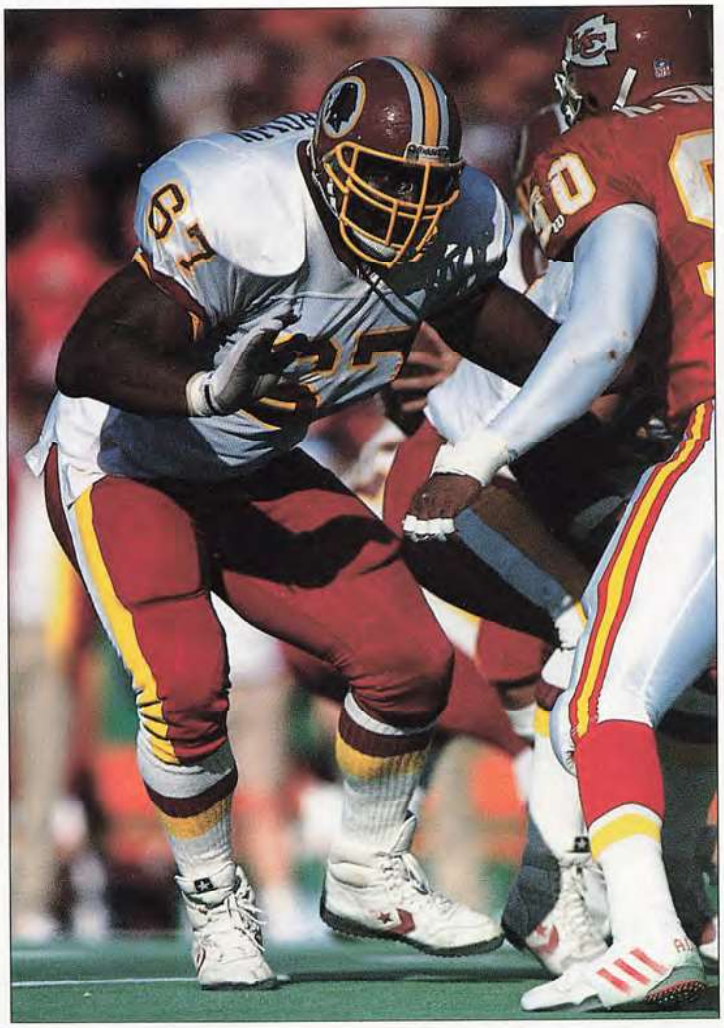
Ed Simmons was a natural replacement at tackle and responded by playing in all 16 regular season games, both playoff games and starting a career-high 13 games overall.

Bostic's injury forced left guard Raleigh McKenzie to play center, and it gave Ray Brown his first shot in two years. Signed as a Plan-B free agent from Phoenix, Brown spent the 1990 and 1991 regular seasons on injured reserve and played in only one game, the Jan. 1991 Divisional playoff vs. San Francisco, during that span. Brown played in all 18 games, started the last nine straight and proved to be a dependable starter.

When Lachey went down, Mo Elewonibi also got his first chance to play in two seasons. A former Outland Trophy win-

A rash of injuries in 1992 forced the Redskins to give significant playing time to four new offensive linemen: (from left) Ed Simmons, Ray Brown, Mo Elewonibi and Matt Elliott.





ner and third-round pick in 1990, Elewonibi, like Brown, spent 1990 and 1991 on injured reserve. He played three quarters at left tackle in his first NFL game, and held his own against Clyde Simmons, Chris Doleman and Lawrence Taylor before his season ended with a sprained knee against Seattle.

For Matt Elliott, the last pick in the 1992 draft, simply making the squad was quite a feat. He not only made the team but snapped for field goals and extra points in addition to playing in every game and starting twice.

"What I remember most," said offensive line coach Jim Hanifan, "is the number of times we asked people to do things they weren't best suited for, but they always did it unselfishly."

And effectively. Earnest Byner came within two yards of his third straight 1000-yard season, and the Redskins finished tied for second in the NFL by giving up only 23 sacks.

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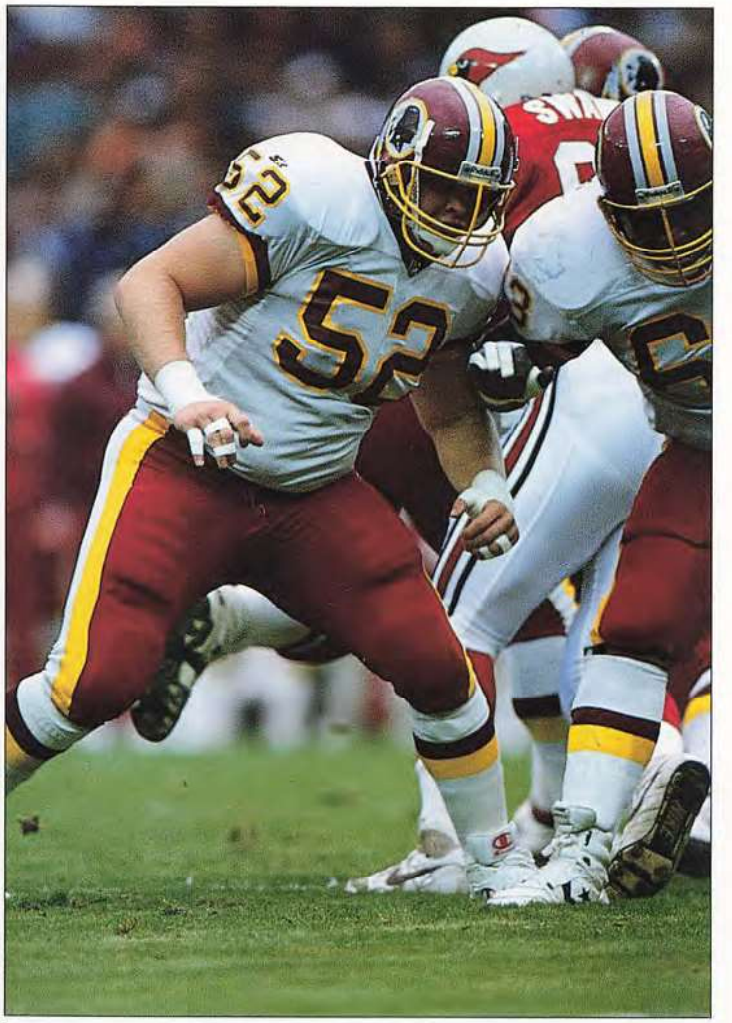
Defensively, every position dug deep into the depth chart to finish seventh in the NFL.

Tackle Eric Williams was on injured reserve twice, with a knee injury in training camp and a torn abdominal muscle that ended his season in November. Second-year man Bobby Wilson was a capable replacement, but he too was stricken. After experiencing back spasms during warm-ups in Week 6, Wilson had surgery and was lost for the year.

Wilson's injury left Jason Buck, a free agent acquisition in 1991 who had played most of his career as a defensive end, as the only person left to play left tackle. Coaches couldn't have asked for more. Buck provided solid run defense and intensified the inside pass rush. He won the hearts of coaches, teammates and fans by making one of the biggest plays of the year that led to a come-from-behind win over Dallas.

With the Redskins trailing 17-13 with 3:25 to play, Buck



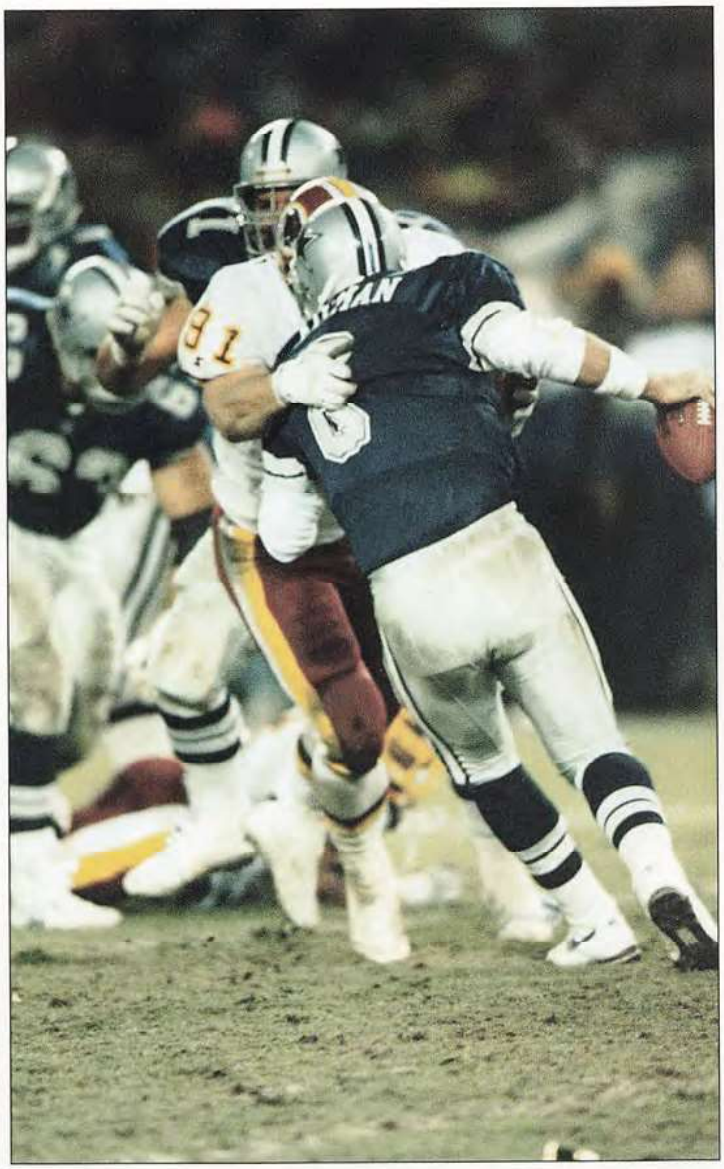
(Left) Linebacker John Brantley's season included a 16-tackle effort against Seattle; Shane Collins (below, right) stepped in with big play at the end of the season; and Jason Buck (below, left) provided the team with one of its biggest plays of the year.

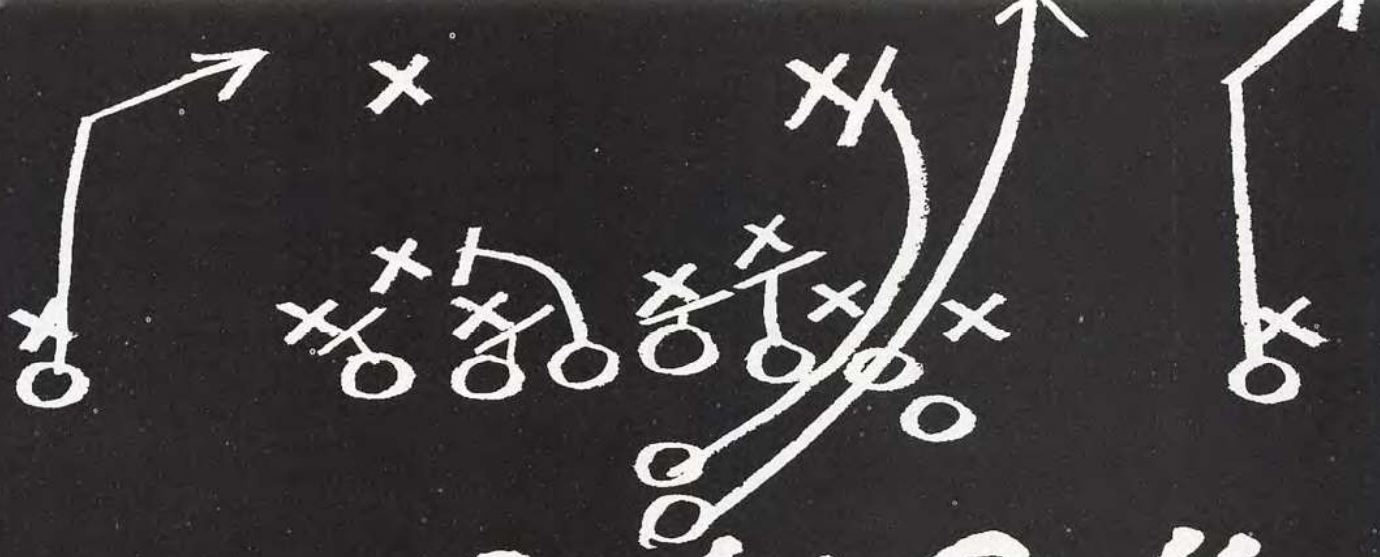
out-quicked center Mark Stepnoski and reached Troy Aikman as the Cowboys' quarterback dropped back to pass in the end zone. The ball came loose, and Danny Copeland recovered for the winning points.

At linebacker, free agent John Brantley and 10th-round draft pick Tony Barker both started twice and saw considerable time when Kurt Gouveia and Andre Collins were nicked. In his first NFL start against Seattle, Brantley recorded 16 total tackles and recovered a fumble. His 12 solo tackles that game tied for the most by a Redskin in 1992.

Starting cornerbacks Martin Mayhew and Darrell Green both sustained a forearm break.

Green fractured his right radius in Week 3 and was lost for eight weeks. A bruised heel hampered his return, eventually





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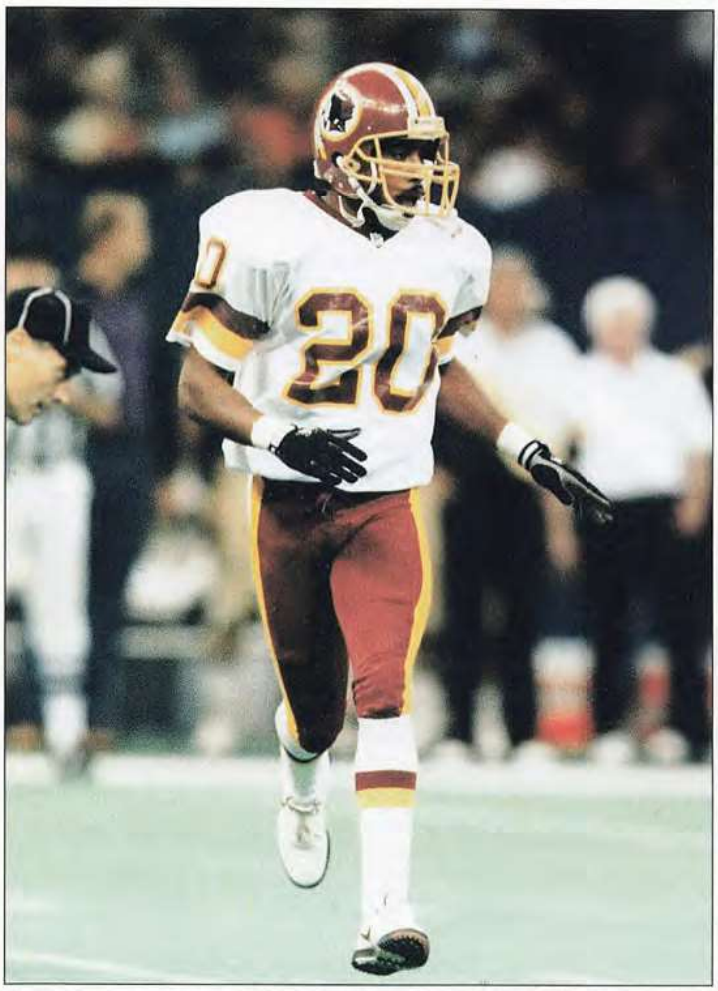
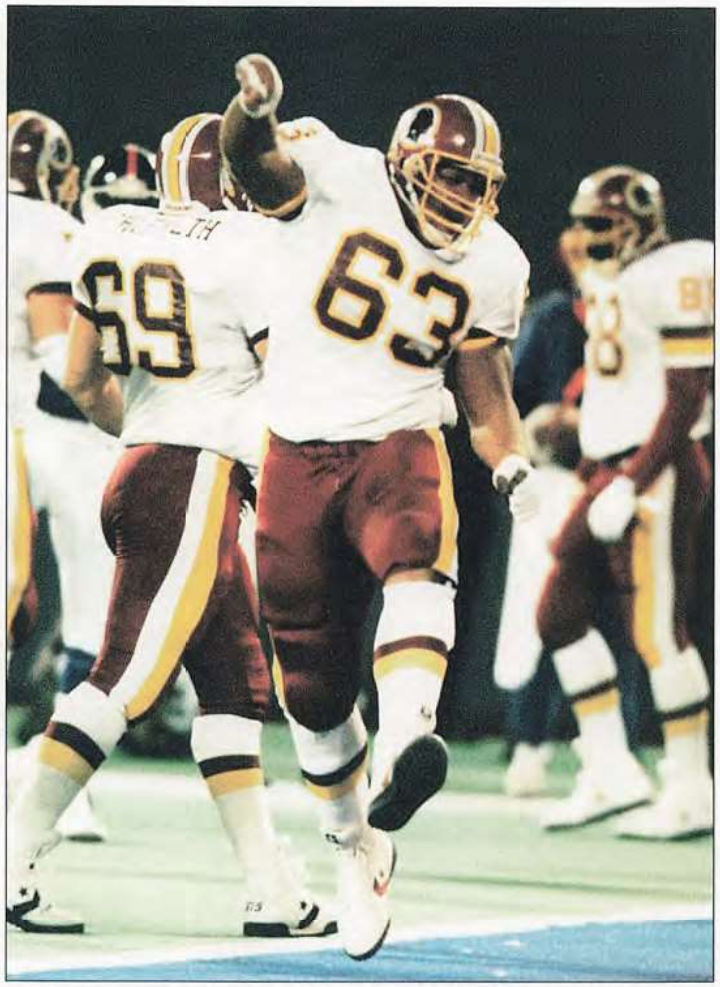




Two other outstanding performances in 1992 were turned in by Alvoid Mays (left) and Raleigh McKenzie.

forcing him to miss both playoff games.

Mayhew suffered a fracture in the first half against the Chiefs in Week 10, but finished the game and played special teams before learning of his condition following a postgame X-ray. He was lost for the final six regular season games.

Green's injury left the starting right cornerback position to AJ Johnson. A four-year veteran, Johnson has had a bright, but injury-hampered future since joining the team as a sixth-round pick in 1989. In his first start last season against Phoenix in Week 4, he suffered a compound-dislocation of his left middle finger and did not miss a game despite being pronounced out for at least 10 days at the time of the injury. Johnson also overcame a knee injury later in the season and finished the year with a career-high 13 starts.

Three years ago the Redskins found Alvoid Mays packing orange juice and making rap records in Florida. In Super Bowl XXVI, he sacked Jim Kelly and forced a fumble on the play. Last year he became even more prominent in the secondary, starting three games and playing in almost all nickel situations in addition to his special teams work.

Mays started on Monday night against Denver and New Orleans and again in a 41-3 win over the Cardinals at RFK. Against the Cardinals he intercepted a pass and added 26 yards to a fumble return after taking a lateral from Wilber Marshall.

"We asked Alvoid to do much more than we anticipated, and he played at a higher level all year," Defensive Coordinator Emmitt Thomas said.

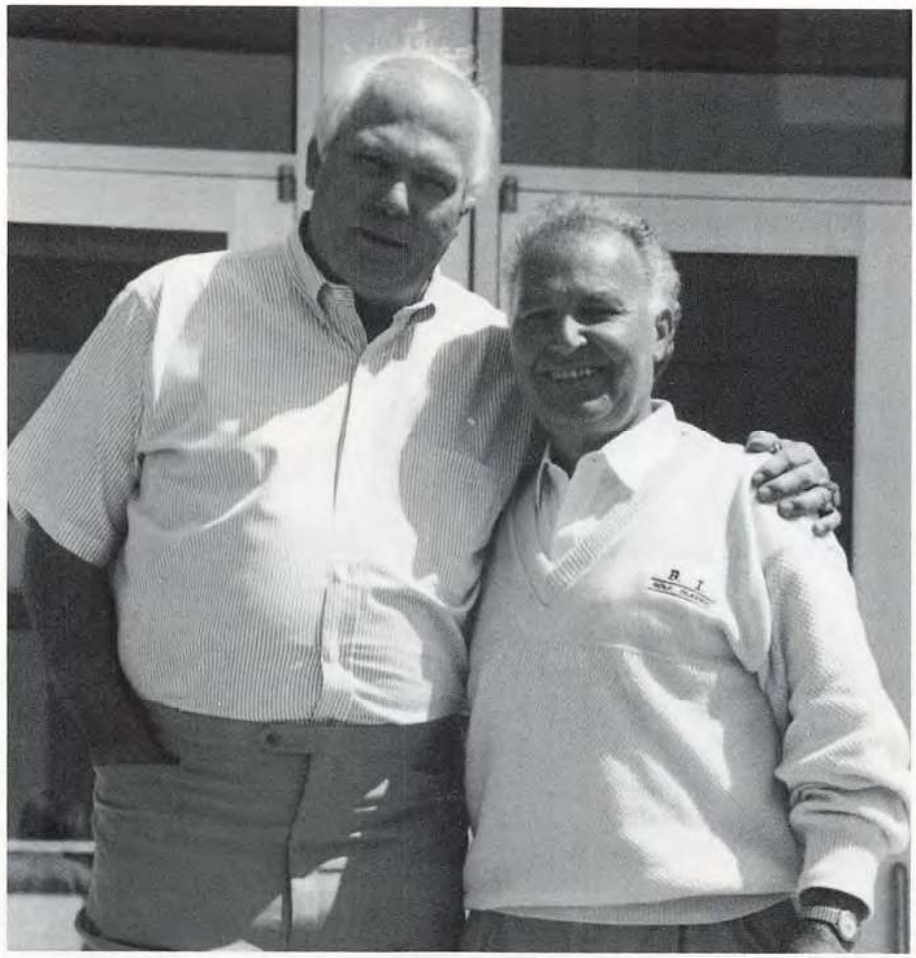
Nobody was used more effectively in more positions than Brian Mitchell. Already known as one of the NFL's top return men, Mitchell revealed he was a weapon effective from any tactical standpoint.

He led the team in punt returns, kickoff returns and accounted for a team high 15 big plays (25 yards or longer) in 1992. He picked up 33 and 38 yards—the Redskins two longest runs of the season—on fake punts. At various times during the regular season, Mitchell was used at running back, quarterback and wide receiver.

His biggest contributions came in the playoffs, when his fresh legs racked up 209 all-purpose yards against Minnesota, tallied by 16 carries for 109 yards rushing, three receptions for 16 yards and 3 punt returns for 70 yards, including a 54 yarder.

Mitchell, who also led the team in rushing against San Francisco and averaged 6.1 yards per carry in two playoff games, gave the reaction every coach wants to hear from a non-starter:

"If they ask me to learn tight end, I'll learn it," Mitchell said. "I'll learn'em all if it'll make my career longer. There's no excuse, ever, for not being prepared."



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WASHINGTON INVADED LONDON IN '92

The Washington Redskins and the San Francisco 49ers, who have combined to win seven Super Bowls since 1981, were natural choices to continue the National Football League's European tour in 1992.

To the delight of 61,722 fervent American Bowl fans, it was anything but another football match at Wembley Stadium. The game turned out to be a prelude to the dramatic divisional playoff contest that followed five months later.

The Redskins held a 12-0 halftime lead, only to fall behind 14-12 in the fourth quarter. Chip Lohmiller's 45 yard field goal with 3:32 to play made it 15-14, but San Francisco had time for one more drive. Quarterback Steve Bono took the 49ers from their own 22 to the Redskin 30, and Mike Cofer's 48 yard field goal as time expired gave San Francisco a 17-15 victory.

Despite the unfavorable outcome, the Redskins first international trip gave players, staff and families a taste of British culture.

A chartered flight landed Wednesday morning, Aug. 12, at London's Gatwick Airport. The teams practiced together Thursday and Friday at the Crystal Palace Sports Centre and worked separately on Saturday before kicking off the American Bowl game at 6:00 pm Sunday.

While headquartered at the Intercontinental Hotel at Hyde Park, members of the entire party took advantage of numerous

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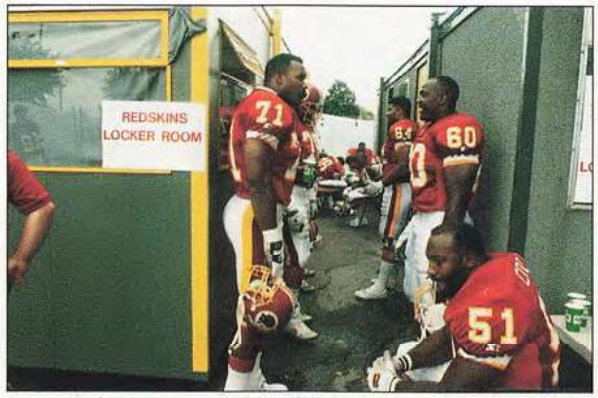
(Above) Big Ben looms large; (below, left) foreign drivers beware; (below, right) practicing at Crystal Palace.

(Above) Mark Rypien gets the royal treatment; (below) the McKenzie Brothers abroad, Reggie and Raleigh.

(Left, above) Redskinettes line the field for introductions; (left, below) This is a locker room?; (right, below) Rypien barks the signals.

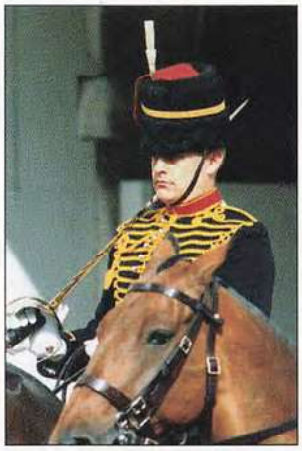


attractions throughout the city. Piccadilly Circus and Buckingham Palace were within walking distance, and the "Tubes" subway system provided easy access to the Tower of London, Big Ben, Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

Tickets to any one of nine plays were available, and all guests were treated to a sightseeing bus tour and a party at Tiddy Dols pub.

"It was a great opportunity for all the players, coaches and families who have never experienced Europe before," Charles Mann said. "We even squeezed in a little football with our sightseeing."

(Clockwise from upper right): Ricky Ervins is well protected; "Made you look!"; Halftime entertainment, American Bowl style; guarding the Buckingham Palace gates.



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REDSKIN PARK GETS RAVE REVIEWS

Having spent a full season in the new Redskin Park, the entire Redskins staff can appreciate the benefits that come with an office complex and training facility three times the size of its predecessor.

The overwhelming response to the new building is that every department has the space needed to function more efficiently. The old building, constructed in 1972, was designed in an era when rosters were smaller, weight training equipment was minimal, and training and rehabilitation equipment weren't nearly as advanced as today.

Bigger is definitely better in all cases, starting with the playing fields. Three lush, grassy pitches ensure the team a fresh surface during the fall and an astroturf field provides an alternative during inclement weather. The old park had one grass field that was reduced to dirt by October.

The old Redskins locker room was not a place for clostrophobics, with only 50 individual lockers and 3,200 square feet. The new area is three times as large and boasts 65 lockers that are larger, as well as better designed for shoes, helmets and security for personal items. Adjacent to the dressing room is a jacuzzi, steam room and an expanded shower area.

Equipment storage and issuance was an ongoing problem before, but that has been rectified with an equipment room five times larger in size, featuring a designated area for all aspects of managing as many as 80 sets of shoulder pads, helmets, pants, gloves and the hundreds of pairs of shoes that NFL players accumulate. Work benches for repair and laundry facilities, along with individual spaces for each player to collect his garments make the equipment room one of the most upgraded departments in the entire building.

The old Redskin Park had a racquetball court and half a basketball court as well. That is, until the weight room outgrew it's allotted space and took over both areas. With the change of address, the fitness staff has 50 percent more square footage. The area sports mirrors on the perimeter walls and a state-of-the-art sound system that was installed last fall.

Weight Room The Best

Weight room expansion was not done at the expense of hoops and racquetball. An entire side of the lower floor was reserved for a players lounge that includes a basketball court, two racquetball courts with an area for spectators build in, plus an seating area with a kitchen, television and telephones.

On the opposite end of the lower level is the video room, complete with the most technologically advanced editing equipment available. New to the video area is a backdrop that allows

Among the amenities at Redskin Park are (at right): an astroturf field; (below) a large, modern weight room; a state-of-the-art video room; and an expanded locker room.

for portraits and two rooms lined with shelves and racks to serve as a tape library.

Aches and pains synonymous with professional football make the training room one of the most vital areas of the franchise. Redskins trainers now work in one of the most advanced and efficient training rooms anywhere. Additional tables for taping and rehabilitation have been added where trainers can take advantage of ultrasound. Other new areas are doctor and dentist offices and an X-ray room. In addition to the standard whirlpools, hot and cold submersion tanks are now available, as well as an Aqua Arc that is used to maintain cardiovascular fitness without pressure on an injured joint.

Theater Fits Bill

The new team meeting room is a theater style auditorium with 105 permanent chairs with folding desks. The room has built-in video projection units as well as a large, electronically controlled screen. Eight smaller rooms, each with the same video capabilities, give each position coach an area to review more specialized assignments. The team meeting room can also double as a press conference area. The back of the room has a raised camera platform and is wired for five different television stations.

No team has utilized scouting at both the pro and college level like the Redskins, and the upgrades in the scouting department show a commitment to keep the edge. College and pro scouts now have separate conference rooms and video libraries. A satellite dish allows games from around the country to be recorded and broadcast on large screens.

Finally, a press room is available to accommodate the scores of print, radio and television journalists that cover the Redskins daily. The room has individual work stations for 10 writers and camera hookups for every station in town. A separate interview area allows for sit-down television interviews or for radio reports.

Though not really a "new" Redskins Park any more, constant improvements and enhancement are still being made. Just like the football team that is housed there, the Redskins are always looking for ways to get better.

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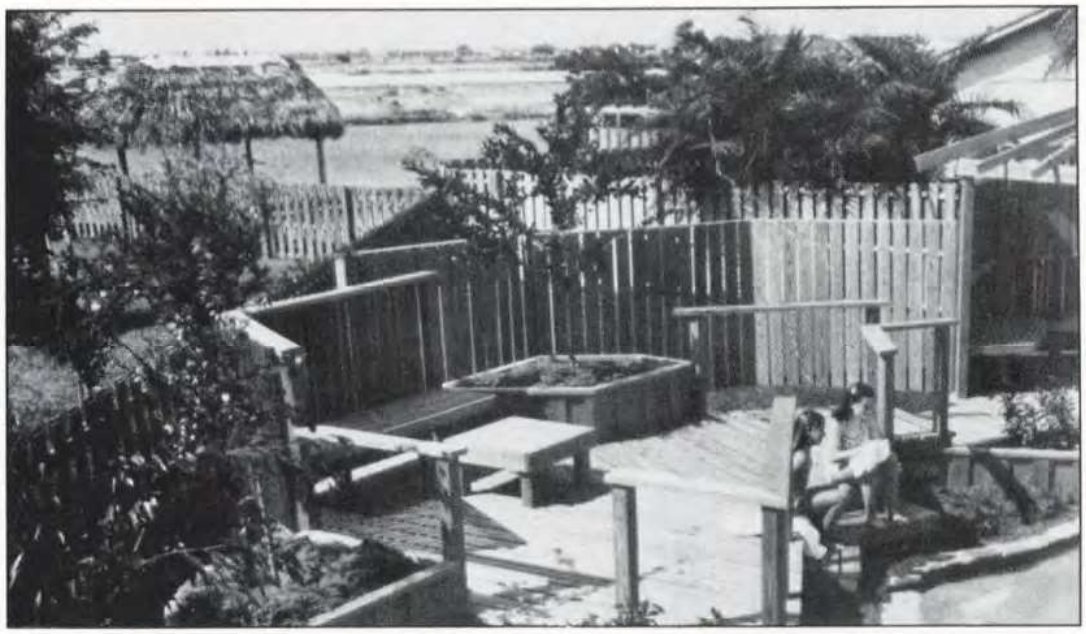

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NEWCOMERS

FREE AGENTS, NOTRE DAME STANDOUTS JOIN TEAM

Notre Dame players Tom Carter (left) and Reggie Brooks will make the leap to pro ball as Skins teammates.

A new collective bargaining agreement between National Football League team owners and the NFL Players Association signaled the onset of a new era in player movement following the 1992 season.

Veteran free agent players were given greater freedom to test their value on the open market, and under the new system, more than 100 players switched teams. General Manager Charley Casserly and his staff spent the spring studying a cast of 484 NFL veterans to uncover help for the Redskins.

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Defensive end Al Noga and linebackers Rick Graf and Carl Banks were added to a defense that finished seventh in the NFL a year ago. On offense, wide receiver Tim McGee provides another big-play threat to the passing game, while tight end Jim Riggs, at 6-5, 245, is an imposing blocker.

Noga's nine sacks for Minnesota were three more than any Redskin in 1992. Graf started five games and played in all 16 for Houston. Banks is a former all-Pro who helped the Giants win two Super Bowls. McGee has averaged 16.8 yards per catch during his seven-year career, and Riggs, with his reputation for tough, intelligent play, will help fill the void left by the retired Don Warren.

"The new system allows you to go after proven NFL players, which is a bonus," Casserly said.

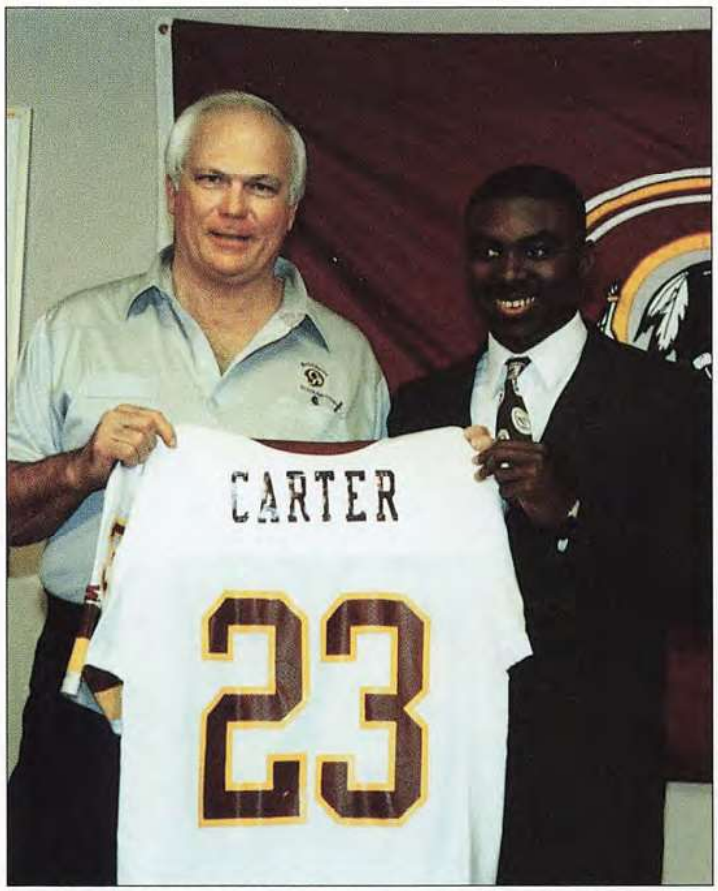
Free agency may have dominated the spring headlines, but it didn't lessen the importance of the annual college draft.

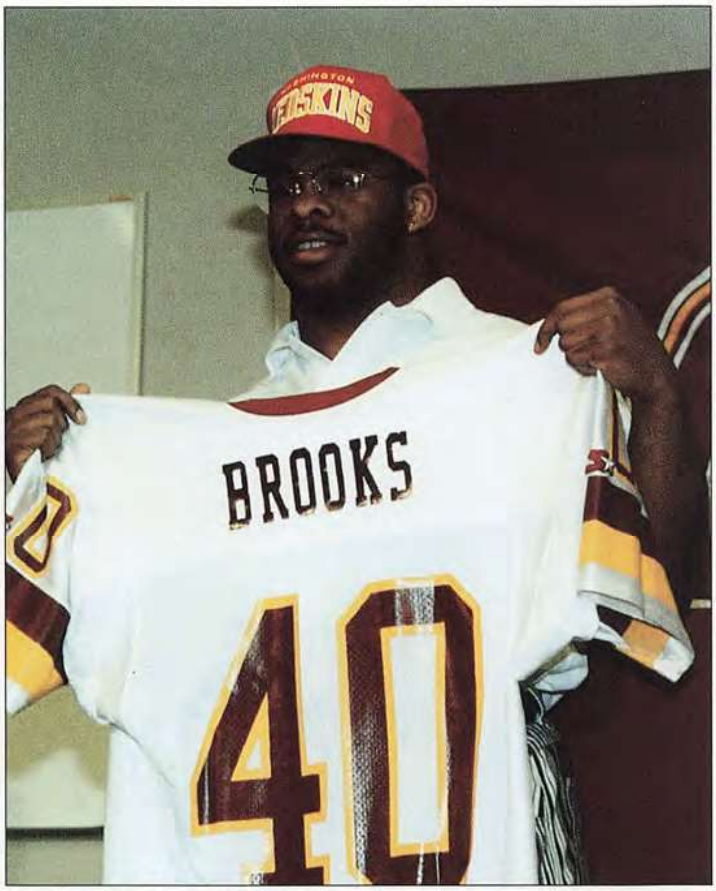
The Redskins held the 17th selection in the first round, and after more than three hours of nervous moments, the player they coveted most was still on the board.

Scouts and coaches agree that Notre Dame cornerback Tom Carter has the speed and leaping ability to contribute in his first season, and he will get a long look in the secondary and on special teams.

"We didn't think there was any way he'd be there when we picked. We were just holding our breaths," Defensive Coordinator Emmitt Thomas said. "With his athletic ability, you want to get him out there."

The Redskins weren't necessarily looking for a running back in the second round, but another Notre Damer, Reggie Brooks





Carter (at left with Coach Richie Petitbon) and Brooks proudly display their new wardrobes.

FREE AGENTS SIGNED BY REDSKINS

Name	Pos	From	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.
Carl Banks	LB	NY Giants	6-4	235	30	9
Rick Graf	LB	Houston	6-5	244	29	7
Tim McGee	WR	Cincinnati	5-10	183	29	8
Al Noga	DE	Minnesota	6-1	269	28	6
Jim Riggs	TE	Cincinnati	6-5	245	30	6

WASHINGTON REDSKINS 1993 DRAFT PICKS

Round	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
1	17	Tom Carter	CB	5-11	185	Notre Dame
2	45	Reggie Brooks	RB	5-8	207	Notre Dame
3A	71	Rick Hamilton	LB	6-2	238	Central Florida
3B	80	Ed Bunn	P	6-3	195	UTEP
4	101	Sterling Palmer	DE	6-5	268	Florida State
5	128	Greg Huntington	C	6-3	278	Penn State
6A	155	Darryl Morrison	S	5-11	185	Arizona
6B	160	Frank Wycheck	TE	6-3	235	Maryland
8	212	Lamont Hollinquest	LB	6-3	225	Southern Cal

was still available and too good to pass up with the 45th pick. In his only season as a starter, Brooks gained 1,343 yards, averaged 8.0 yards per carry and scored 13 touchdowns.

Third-rounder Rick Hamilton, a linebacker out of Central Florida, figures to bolster the inside run defense. A second third-round pick was used to bag Ed Bunn, the NCAA's leading punter a year ago. Other picks include Florida State's Sterling Palmer and tight end Frank Wycheck, who starred at nearby University of Maryland.

"The bottom line is we liked the people we got," Casserly said. "Now it's a matter of getting them on the field and seeing how they do."

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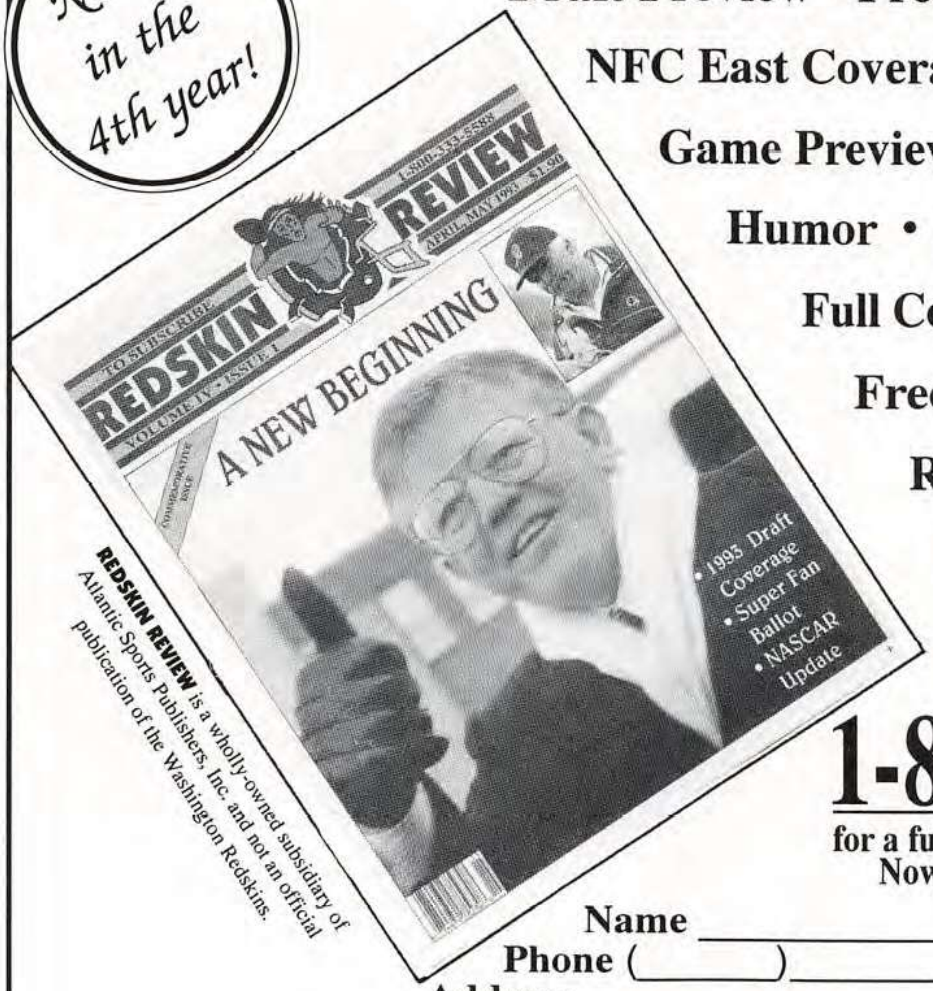

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WON 9, LOST 7

Sept.	7	L	10-23	at Dallas	63,538
Sept.	13	W	24-17	ATLANTA	54,343
Sept.	20	W	13-10	DETROIT	55,818
Oct.	4	L	24-27	at Phoenix	34,488
Oct.	12	W	34-3	DENVER	56,371
Oct.	18	W	16-12	PHILADELPHIA	56,380
Oct.	25	W	15-13	at Minnesota	59,098
Nov.	1	L	7-24	NEW YORK GIANTS	53,647
Nov.	8	W	16-3	at Seattle	53,616
Nov.	15	L	16-35	at Kansas City	75,238
Nov.	23	L	3-20	at New Orleans	68,591
Nov.	29	W	41-3	PHOENIX	53,541
Dec.	6	W	28-10	at New York Giants	62,998
Dec.	13	W	20-17	DALLAS	56,437
Dec.	20	L	13-17	at Philadelphia	65,841
Dec.	26	L	20-21	L.A. RAIDERS	53,032

	REDSKINS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	276	249
Rushing	104	89
Passing	160	138
Penalty	12	22
3rd Down: Made/Att.	98/226	72/202
3rd Down Pct.	43.4	35.6
4th Down: Made/Att.	8/13	9/19
4th Down Pct.	61.5	47.4
POSSESSION AVG.	31:03	28:56
TOTAL NET YARDS	4890	4438
Avg. Per Game	305.6	277.4
Total Plays	991	911
Avg. Per Play	4.9	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	1727	1696
Avg. Per Game	107.9	106
Total Rushes	483	406
NET YARDS PASSING	3163	2742
Avg. Per Game	197.7	171.4
Sacked/Yards Lost	23/176	39/279
Gross Yards	3339	3021
Att./Completions	485/272	466/258
Completion Pct.	56.1	55.4
Had Intercepted	17	23
PUNTS/AVERAGE	65/39.3	73/42.8
NET PUNTING AVG.	65/32.7	73/37.2
PENALTIES/YARDS	84/741	85/709
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	18/7	23/11
TOUCHDOWNS	30	30
Rushing	10	11
Passing	15	15
Returns	5	4

SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
TEAM	79	92	63	66	0	300
OPPONENTS	32	103	40	80	0	255

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Byner	262	998	3.8	23	6
Ervins	151	495	3.3	25	2
Mitchell	6	70	11.7	33	0
Rypien	36	50	1.4	11	2
R. Green	8	46	5.8	23	0
Monk	6	45	7.5	16	0
Clark	2	18	9.0	12	0
Howard	3	14	4.7	7	0
Goodburn	2	1	0.5	5	0
Conklin	3	-4	-1.3	-1	0
Sanders	4	-6	-1.5	3	0
TEAM	483	1727	3.6	33	10
OPPONENTS	406	1696	4.2	36	11

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Clark	64	912	14.3	47	5
Sanders	51	707	13.9	62 t	3
Monk	46	644	14.0	49 t	3
Byner	39	338	8.7	29	1
Ervins	32	252	7.9	19	0
Orr	22	356	16.2	58	3
Middleton	7	50	7.1	16	0
Warren	4	25	6.3	11	0
Mitchell	3	30	10.0	17	0
Howard	3	20	6.7	8	0
R. Green	1	5	5.0	5	0
TEAM	272	3339	12.3	62 t	15
OPPONENTS	258	3021	11.7	89 t	15

INTs	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Edwards	6	157	26.2	53 t	1
Mayhew	3	58	19.3	33	0
Gouveia	3	43	14.3	28	0
A. Johnson	3	38	12.7	29	0
Marshall	2	20	10.0	20 t	1
Mays	2	18	9.0	13	0
Bowles	1	65	65.0	65	0
A. Collins	1	59	59.0	59	0
D. Green	1	15	15.0	15	0
S. Johnson	1	12	12.0	12	0
TEAM	23	485	21.1	65	2
OPPONENTS	17	318	18.7	49	2

SACKS: T. Johnson 6.0, Marshall 6.0, Geathers 5.0, Mann 4.5, Stokes 3.5, Buck 3.0, Coleman 3.0, S. Collins 2.0, Wilson 2.0, A. Collins 1.0, Copeland 1.0, Gouveia 1.0, Mays 1.0. TEAM 39.0, OPPONENTS 23.0

SCORING	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	S	PTS
Lohmiller	0	0	0	0	30/30	30/40	0	120
Byner	7	6	1	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	42
Clark	5	0	5	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	30
Monk	3	0	3	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	18
Orr	3	0	3	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	18
Sanders	3	0	3	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	18
Ervins	2	2	0	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	12
Rypien	2	2	0	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	12
Copeland	1	0	0	1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Edwards	1	0	0	1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Howard	1	0	0	1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Marshall	1	0	0	1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Meads	L 1	0	0	1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Mitchell	1	0	0	1	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
TEAM	30	10	15	5	30/30	30/40	0	300
OPPONENTS	30	11	15	4	29/30	14/21	2	255

PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lng	Sack/Lost	Rating
Rypien	479	269	3282	56.2	6.85	13	2.7	17	3.5	62t	23/176	71.7
Byner	3	1	41	33.3	13.67	1	33.3	0	0.0	41t	0/ 0	121.5
Conklin	2	2	16	100.0	8.00	1	50.0	0	0.0	10t	0/ 0	139.6
Mitchell	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/ 0	39.6
TEAM	485	272	3339	56.1	6.88	15	3.1	17	3.5	62t	23/176	73.2
OPPONENTS	466	258	3021	55.4	6.48	15	3.2	23	4.9	89t	39/279	65.4

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Lohmiller	2/2	9/9	9/15	8/12	2/2
TEAM	2/2	9/9	9/15	8/12	2/2
OPPONENTS	1/1	5/7	2/3	5/8	1/2

Lohmiller: (49G) (39N, 41G, 39N) (53G, 34N, 27G) (33G, 40N) (43G, 46N, 36G) (32N, 18G, 21G, 28G) (22G, 52G, 25G, 45G, 49G) (38N) (48G, 33G, 37G, 49N) (40G, 26G, 38G) (34G) (32G, 118G) () (32G, 22G) (29G, 41G) (38N, 39G, 48N, 22G)
OPPONENTS: (32N) (24G) (52G, 52N, 49N) () (38G) (39G) (26G, 41G) (18G) (22N, 22G) () (43G, 45G) (42G, 29N) (43G) (23G) (45N, 47N, 23G) ()

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Gouveia	1	7	7.0	7	0
R. Green	1	9	9.0	9	0
Howard	22	462	21.0	42	0
Mitchell	23	492	21.4	47	0
Orr	1	3	3.0	3	0
TEAM	48	973	20.3	47	0
OPPONENTS	54	1074	19.9	99 t	1

PUNT RET.	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD
Mitchell	29	9	271	9.3	84t	1
Howard	6	3	84	14.0	55t	1
S. Johnson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Thomas	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
TEAM	37	12	355	9.6	84t	2
OPPONENTS	27	13	332	12.3	79t	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	LG	B
Goodburn	64	2555	39.9	32.7	5	17	66	1
TEAM	65	2555	39.9	32.7	5	17	66	1
OPPONENTS	73	3128	42.8	37.2	3	18	58	0

Postseason Stats

WON 1, LOST 1

Jan.	2	W	24-7	Minnesota	57,353
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	REDSKINS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	44	31
Rushing	16	15
Passing	24	16
Penalty	4	0
3rd Down: Made/Att.	14/30	9/21
3rd Down Pct.	46.7	42.9
4th Down: Made/Att.	4/5	1/1
4th Down Pct.	80.0	100.0
POSSESSION AVG.	34:48	25:12
TOTAL NET YARDS	681	549
Avg. Per Game	340.5	274.5
Total Plays	140	104
Avg. Per Play	4.9	5.3
NET YARDS RUSHING	269	260
Avg. Per Game	134.5	130
Total Rushes	68	48
NET YARDS PASSING	412	289
Avg. Per Game	206.0	144.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	6/40	6/51
Gross Yards	452	340
Att./Completions	66/36	50/26
Completion Pct.	54.5	52.0
Had Intercepted	3	3
PUNTS/AVERAGE	5/36.6	9/42.4
NET PUNTING AVG.	5/34.0	9/34.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	6/38	11/88
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	3/2	5/3
TOUCHDOWNS	4	3
Rushing	3	1
Passing	1	2
Returns	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
TEAM	6	14	10	7	0	37
OPPONENTS	14	10	0	3	0	27

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Mitchell	24	147	6.1	38	1
Byner	29	91	3.1	11	1
R. Green	5	17	3.4	12	0
Monk	4	10	2.5	7	0
Rypien	6	4	0.7	3	1
TEAM	68	269	4.0	38	3
OPPONENTS	48	260	5.4	22	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Clark	13	191	14.7	29	1
Mitchell	6	55	9.2	25	0
Monk	5	79	15.8	37	0
Byner	5	51	10.2	21	0
Sanders	4	38	9.5	13	3
Middleton	2	28	14.0	19	0
Thomas	1	10	10.0	10	0
TEAM	36	452	12.6	37	1
OPPONENTS	26	340	13.1	42	2

PUNT RET.	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD
Mitchell	3	3	70	23.3	54	0
TEAM	3	3	70	23.3	54	0
OPPONENTS	1	1	13	13.0	13	0

KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Mitchell	5	89	17.8	25	0
Copeland	2	15	7.5	9	0
TEAM	7	104	14.9	25	0
OPPONENTS	7	131	18.7	29	0

INTs	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Mayhew	1	44	44.0	44	0
Edwards	1	6	6.0	6	0
A. Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
TEAM	3	50	16.7	44	0
OPPONENTS	3	25	8.3	21	0

SACKS: Stokes 4.0, Buck 1.0, Geathers 1.0. TEAM 6.0, OPPONENTS 6.0

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	LG	B
Goodburn	5	183	36.6	34.0	0	1	43	0
TEAM	5	183	36.6	34.0	0	1	43	0
OPPONENTS	9	382	42.4	34.7	0	3	50	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Lohmiller	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/1
TEAM	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0
OPPONENTS	1/1	5/7	2/3	5/8	1/2

Lohmiller: (44G, 58N, 27N) (19G, 32G)
OPPONENTS: () (23G, 33G)

SCORING	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	S	PTS
Lohmiller	0	0	0	0	4/ 4	3/ 5	0	13
Byner	1	1	0	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Clark	1	0	1	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Mitchell	1	1	0	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
Rypien	1	1	0	0	0/ 0	0/ 0	0	6
TEAM	4	3	1	0	4/ 4	3/ 5	0	37
OPPONENTS	3	1	2	0	3/ 3	2/ 2	0	27

PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lng	Sack/Lost	Rating
Rypien	64	35	442	54.7	6.91	1	1.6	3	4.7	37	6/ 40	62.1
Byner	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/ 0	39.6
Goodburn	1	1	10	100.0	10.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	0/ 0	108.3
TEAM	66	36	452	54.5	6.85	1	1.5	3	4.5	37	6/ 40	62.2
OPPONENTS	50	26	340	52.0	6.80	2	4.0	3	6.0	42	6/ 51	62.1

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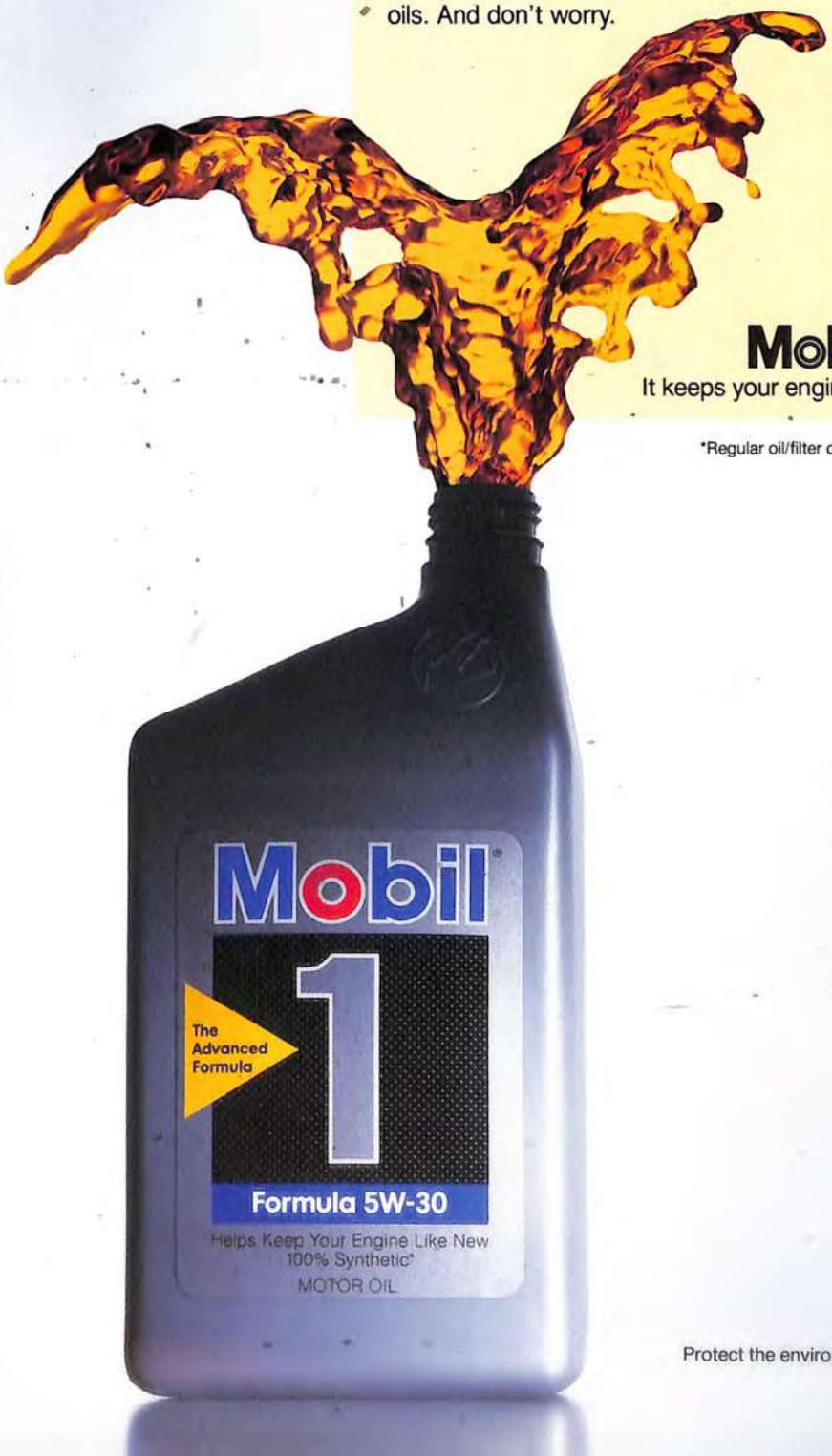

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